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**DELHI COURT TO FRAME CHARGES AGAINST BRIJ BHUSHAN SINGH**

**The BJP MP and former chief of the Wrestling Federation of India is an accused in a sexual harassment case filed by female wrestlers**

**'SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE AGAINST ACCUSED'**

Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Priyanka Rajpoot ordered framing of charges against Singh under sections 354 (assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty), 354A (sexual harassment), and 506 (criminal intimidation) of the IPC. "There is sufficient evidence to frame charges against the accused," the judge said in her order on Friday

**CO-ACCUSED TOMAR ALSO TO BE CHARGED**

- Six wrestlers had filed complaint against Singh and the Delhi Police filed the chargesheet on June 15. The court, however, discharged Singh in a complaint filed by the sixth victim, citing lack of evidence to support the charges
- The court also ordered framing of charges against co-accused and ex-WFI assistant secretary Vinod Tomar for the offence of criminal intimidation | P9

**May 21**

**WHEN THE COURT WILL OFFICIALLY FRAME CHARGES AGAINST BRIJ BHUSHAN SINGH**

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# Kejri gets 21 days to hit campaign trail

SC grants him interim bail till June 1; says it took a holistic and libertarian position in view of general elections

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

IN a major relief to jailed Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, the Supreme Court on Friday granted him interim bail till June 1 to participate in the general election campaigns, while imposing certain conditions on him. He was in Tihar jail since March 21 for alleged money laundering tied to the Delhi excise policy scam.

In its eight-page order, a two-judge bench led by Justice Sanjiv Khanna directed Kejriwal to surrender on June 2.

Hours later, Kejriwal stepped out of Tihar and thanked the judges for their liberal order. "We have to save the country from dictatorship, I will fight with all my might but need the support of 140 crore people," he told the media.

While rejecting the Enforcement Directorate's (ED) stiff opposition to the bail, the court said, "Arvind Kejriwal is the Chief Minister of Delhi and a leader of one of the national parties. No doubt, serious accusations have been made, but he has not been convicted. He does not have any criminal antecedents. He is not a threat to the society. The investigation in the present case has remained pending since August 2022."

While the ED argued that the grant of interim bail would amount to placing politicians in a beneficial position compared to ordinary citizens, the bench said, "courts always take into consideration the peculiarities associated with the person in question and the surrounding circumstances. In fact, to ignore the same would be iniquitous and wrong."

Arvind Kejriwal addresses supporters after coming out of Tihar Jail | EXPRESS

**FOUR COMMANDMENTS**

1. Kejriwal can't visit the office of the Chief Minister and the Delhi Secretariat
2. Shall not sign official files unless it is required and necessary for obtaining clearance/ approval of L-G
3. Kejriwal must not make any comment on his role in the present case
4. CM must not interact with any witness and/or have access to any official files connected with the case

The bench noted that the legality and validity of the arrest itself is under challenge before them and that they are yet to take the call.

"The situation cannot be compared with harvesting of crops or plea to look after business affairs. In this background, once the matter is sub judice and the questions relating to legality of arrest are under consideration, a more holistic and libertarian view is justified, in the background that the 18th Lok Sabha General Elections are being held," the order said.

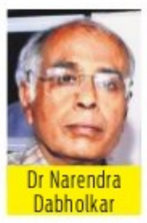
Retired SC judge Madan B Lokur described it as a "good order that can have a large significance at the Centre and Delhi". Another retired judge P K S Baghel termed the order as good for a healthy democracy, adding it would definitely give a good boost to the AAP in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections on May 25 in Delhi.

# Justice at last as two sentenced to life for Dabholkar's murder

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

CLOSE to 11 years after rationalist Dr Narendra Dabholkar was shot dead in Pune, a special session court on Friday sentenced two of the accused to life imprisonment while acquitting three others, including alleged key conspirator Dr Virendrasinh Tawde.

All five accused were linked to the Sanatan Sanstha. Apart from Dr Tawde, an ENT surgeon, Mumbai-based lawyer Sanjeev Punalekar and his aide Vikram Bhave were acquitted for lack of evidence. Sachin Andure and Sharad Kalaskar, who allegedly shot dead Dabholkar, were convicted.



Dr Narendra Dabholkar

Rationalist, anti-superstition activist and founder of the Maharashtra Andhashraddha Nirmoolan Samiti, Dr Dabholkar was 67 when he was shot dead by two bike-borne assailants on the VR Shinde bridge in Pune on August 20, 2013. The shocking murder was initially probed by the Pune City Police and was handed over the CBI in 2014.

While Dr Tawade was chargesheeted in September 2016, Andure and Kalaskar were chargesheeted in February 2019. The chargesheeting of Punalekar and Bhave happened in November 2019.

The accused were booked under Indian Penal Code sections 34 (common intention), 120 B (conspiracy), 302 (murder), relevant sections of the Arms Act, and Section 16 (terrorism) of the UAPA.

The court blamed the competent officer's negligence for the failure to prove the charges under UAPA. As for Dr Tawde, the judge said there was ample scope for doubt, the prosecution had failed to convert the suspicion into evidence.

"In the case of Bhave and Punalekar, even if there is scope for suspicion, there is no evidence," the judge said. The charges against Andure and Kalaskar were proved beyond doubt, he added.

**EXPRESS READ**

**EC pulls up Kharge over letter to I.N.D.I.A netas**

New Delhi: Taking strong exception to Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge writing to leaders of the INDIA bloc over the voter turnout data, the ECI on Friday accused him of obstructing the Lok Sabha elections and trying to push 'a biased narrative' under the guise of seeking clarifications. P9

**Rain batters KIA, 17 flights diverted**

Bengaluru: Turbulent weather and poor visibility at Kempegowda International Airport on Thursday night led to diversion of 17 flights, three of them international, to Chennai. The flights could not land for an hour from 9.30 pm because of gusty wind and thunderstorms. Terminals 1 and 2 were flooded following heavy rain. P2

**FLYING ARROW**

Only two centimetres separated the top two throwers in the Doha Diamond League on Friday. Czech Jakub Vadlejch (inset) topped the charts with 88.38m. Olympic and world champion Neeraj Chopra managed 88.36m in his last throw | AP | P13

# Man kills minor girl, flees with severed head

PRAJNA GR @ Madikeri

A 32-year-old man allegedly murdered a 16-year-old girl and fled with her severed head at Surlabbi village in Madikeri taluk of Kodagu on Thursday night.

She was the only student in Class 10 of Surlabbi Government High School. She secured 50.24% marks in the SSLC exam. The accused has been identified as Monnanda Prakash Onkarappa of Hammiyala village. Sources said Prakash was in love with the minor girl for over a year and wanted to marry her after her Class 10 exam. P5

# NIA arrests key accused, harbourer in Nettaru case

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

THE National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Friday arrested Mustafa Paichar, the main accused in Praveen Nettaru murder case, and his harbourer Mansoor Pasha from Anemahal village in Hassan district.

Nettaru was hacked to death by two bike-borne assailants on July 26, 2022, at Bellare village near Sullia in Dakshina Kannada district.

The killers were allegedly cadres of the banned Popular Front of India (PFI).

Meanwhile, sources said Siraj of Sakleshpur has been arrested for supporting Paichar and Pasha.

The NIA had identified Paichar and another accused, Kodaje Mohammed Sherif, who is absconding, in the sensational murder case as "leaders of the now defunct service teams (of PFI) who were tasked with identifying key targets", and had announced a reward of Rs 7 lakh on information leading to his arrest. P4

# Prajwal tapes: Police detain Devaraje Gowda

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru / Hassan

BJP leader and advocate Devaraje Gowda, who had alerted the party leaders about Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna's alleged sexual abuses sometime ago, was detained by Hiriyur police (Chitradurga district) on Friday in connection with a complaint filed against him by a woman on April 1 in Holenarasipur police station.

Holenarasipur police rushed to Hiriyur in the evening to take Gowda into their custody. In her complaint, the woman alleged that she was sexually abused by Gowda at his house when she went there to seek his help in a land dispute case. Before this, Gowda had filed a complaint with Hebbal police in Bengaluru, accusing three people from Holenarasipur of demanding Rs 2 crore from him in a honeytrap case.

Gowda has another case against him registered by Holenarasipur women police on April 30 for allegedly sexually abusing and threatening a woman with dire consequences. A complaint in this regard was filed on April 29. Sources said Gowda allegedly made WhatsApp calls to the woman and sent his nude videos to her. Gowda met her on HN Pura-Mysuru road and abused her for not cooperating with him. Gowda reminded her that he had given her more than Rs 1 lakh in Bengaluru. P4

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• **Ritu:** Vasantha • **Masa:** Vaishaka • **Paksha:** Sukla • **Tithi:** Chathurthi 4.10 am
• **Nakshatra:** Mrigasira 12.15 pm • Moon in Kataka Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 09:00 am to 10:30am
• **Gulikakala:** 06:00 am to 07:30 am • **Yamaganda:** 01:49 pm to 03:26 pm

**WEATHER**
MIN 22°C | MAX 32°C
**FORECAST**
Showers early. Cloudy

Sunrise 05.55 am
Sunset 06.36 pm
Moonrise 08.33 am
Moonset 09.01 pm

# HEAVY SHOWERS CAUSE LEAKAGE IN KIA TERMINALS, 17 FLIGHTS DIVERTED TO CHENNAI

Flights unable to land from 9.30pm; leaks in arrival area at Terminal 1, departure gates at Terminal 2 hit services

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
@ Bengaluru

TURBULENT weather and poor visibility at Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) on Thursday night caused the diversion of 17 flights, three of them international, to Chennai. Gusty winds and thunderstorms resulted in flights being unable to land for an hour from 9.30 pm. The heavy rains also caused seepage of water inside both Terminals 1 and 2.

According to the Met Department, KIA received 74 mm of rain on Thursday night.

A spokesperson from airport operator Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) said, "A very heavy downpour of rain within a short span of time on the evening of May 9 resulted in water leakage in certain areas of the terminals at Bengaluru airport. Heavy rainfall accompanied by strong winds rendered the airport inaccessible for landing between 9.35 pm and 10.29 pm leading to the diversion of 13 domestic flights, three international passenger flights, and one international cargo flight to Chennai. Our teams promptly responded to the situation to mitigate the impact and restore normal operations."

Similar to October 11, 2023, when *The New Indian Express* reported about waterlogging at Level 1 of the terminal entering the offices of IndiGo, Vistara, and Celbi Aviation, the downpour affected the terminal this time too, but to a much lesser extent. An airport source said, "Leaks in Terminal 2 happened near the baggage claim belt No. 8 and the office space of a few airlines, including British Airways, on Level 1. Leaks happened near the D3 boarding gate too."

Another source said that in Terminal 1, the leakage happened in the arrivals area. In Terminal 2, it happened near one of the departure gates, the source added.

BIAL did not share details on the exact areas impacted. Flights later returned to Bengaluru after the weather conditions improved.

Among the hundreds of passengers affected was Suman Paul, a supply chain professional at a private firm. He told TNIE, "Our IndiGo flight (6E 6251) from Kolkata was going in circles around the Bengaluru airport, awaiting permission to land. The captain told us that due to thunderstorms and poor visibility, they were not getting clearance to land. The flight then went to Chennai and refueled there. We were literally sitting inside the aircraft for 3 hours in Chennai, as we are not getting clearance from Bengaluru due to congestion there. We finally reached at 2.40am on Friday instead of 9.30 pm (on Thursday. I reached home at 4.30 am and was late to work on Friday because of that. However, no one could be blamed as it was an unavoidable situation."

Paul added that the airline staff took good care of the passengers and offered refreshments and water.

Girish Kudva, a chartered accountant, posted in a lighter vein on 'X' that he was on board one of the flights that could not land in Bengaluru. "Got a trip to Chennai for free," he said.

AFFECTED FLIGHTS
The international flights impacted were
KLM from Amsterdam to Bengaluru (KL-879) reached at 2.42 am on Friday from Chennai, 3.5 hours behind its original schedule
Singapore Airlines (SQ 510) from Singapore to Bengaluru, finally reached KIA at 11.41 pm, instead of 9.50 pm
Etihad (EY-238) from Abu Dhabi to Bengaluru reached KIA at 2.09 am on Friday from Chennai instead of 7.35 pm
However, the flight also departed 3 hours late from Abu Dhabi
Among the domestic flights diverted to Chennai from Bengaluru were four each of IndiGo (Madurai, Pune, Kolkata, and Lucknow) and Air India Express (Hyderabad, Lucknow, Mumbai, and Ranchi), and two Air India flights to Delhi and Hyderabad. A Vistara flight to Delhi, an Akasa Air flight to Pune, and Star Air to Jamnagar were also affected

## 219 trees uprooted in just four days of downpour

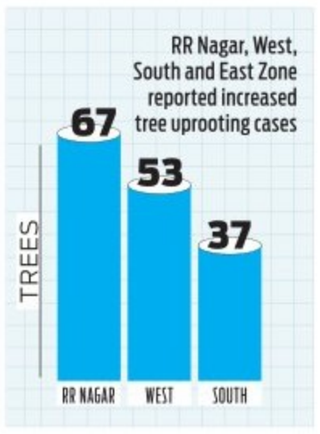
**MOHAMMED YACOOB** @Bengaluru

IN a span of just four days, 219 trees were uprooted in the city, owing to heavy downpour. Officials of the BBMP forest department stated that 28 teams were working round the clock on shifts to clear fallen tress. With trees branches and logs piled up on footpaths and roads, pedestrians find it difficult to simply walk on roads.

BBMP East Zone Range Forest Officer Thimmappa said that the primary objective of the BBMP was to clear uprooted trees and ensure smooth traffic. "In many areas, we have not yet cleared fallen trees and branches on the footpath and by the road. Trucks have also been deployed to clear and send fallen trees and logs to depots at each zone. The Palike will float tenders and sell it for the best price," he added.

The official also stated that the city has a majority of softwood trees which cannot be used for timber purposes. The woods by and large can be used as firewood. "Trees that have been uprooted are of Gulmohar, Spathodia and Peltophorum sepcies," he said and added that areas in RR Nagar West, South and East had a huge number of old trees, which were were uprooted due to heavy rain and strong winds.

A senior official from the BBMP forest division said, 28 teams are on the job to clear uprooted trees and branches from across the city. Besides, residents have also been directed to keep the police informed about vulnerable trees and branches. Pruning work will be take up on a priority basis, he assured.



The notice from the BBMP in front of the Mantri Square mall in Malleswaram on Friday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

## BBMP seals Mantri Square over non-payment of taxes

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @Bengaluru

Officials of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) along with Marshals on Friday morning sealed the Mantri Square mall in Malleswaram over alleged non-payment of tax arrears to the tune of Rs 50 crores.

However, this is not the first time the BBMP has sealed the mall. The authorities of the mall had previously received a stay order from the court following which normal operations resumed. Revenue officials of the BBMP stated that the mall failed to pay Rs 50 crores of property tax, forcing the civic body to serve a closure notice to the establishment. They also asked the management to stop functioning immediately. The BBMP also suspended trade licenses until further orders.

MLA Pradeep Eshwar with students who were trained under the 'Super 60' scheme in Bengaluru on Thursday

## MLA's 'Super 60' scheme a success, students shine

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
@ Bengaluru

UNDER the 'Super 60' scheme, 60 students studying SSLC were given special training at the Perseverance NEET Academy. The trained students have brought pride to Chikkaballapur district and their institutions by passing with good marks, said a press release from Perseverance NEET Academy on Thursday.

The academy said Chikkaballapur district was educationally backward, and MLA Pradeep Eshwar came up with the innovative scheme called 'Super 60' in the district. Under this, 60 children from poor families, orphans and children of single parents studying in the government school of Chikkaballapur constituency were selected (with permission) and trained.

The SSLC results showed that the MLA's plan has been met with unprecedented success, the release added. MLA Pradeep Eshwar met the students in person and congratulated those who passed with good marks under the scheme. "Super 60 scheme was launched in recognition of the fact that the standard of living of any family needs to be developed, which means that children should get a good education," Eshwar said.

The academy said the MLA gave scholarship of Rs 1,000 to 3,000 students.

## DRM inspects monsoon preparedness of rail tracks

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
@Bengaluru

AS a precautionary measure prior to the monsoon season, Bengaluru Divisional Railway Manager Yogesh Mohan and railway officials on Friday inspected the Bengaluru-Salem section to assess preparations to ensure track and train safety.

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Krishna Chaitanya, who accompanied the DRM said, "The section specifically between Shivadi and Toppur which is a semi ghat portion was inspected. Slope stabilisation works have been done in the area including wire netting and rock bolting of steep slopes and rock boulders of the terrain to ensure tracks and train safety."

## FLOOD-ALERT SENSORS INSTALLED AT RAJA KALUVES

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
@ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC) has installed 24 water level sensors in raja kaluves to respond to floods in the BBMP jurisdiction, said senior BBMP official.

The sensors are solar powered and send alerts to the KSNDMC control room through the internet. Simultaneously BBMP's Integrated Command Control Centre (ICCC) too is alerted.

Sensors show the level of water flow in raja kaluves through green, blue, red and black indicators. If it is green and blue then there is no danger. If it is red it means danger and if it turns black, it is a flood alert. With this, authorities can move residents of affected areas immediately to safer places, avoiding disasters caused by floods.

Also, the BBMP is desilting Raja Kaluves continuously. Arrangements have been made to clear shoulder drains on road sides to allow smooth flow or rainwater.

Officials said of 860 km of raja kaluves under the BBMP jurisdiction, RCC barrages have been constructed along 581 km of the drain. Work on another 199 km is in progress. The remaining 80 km is raw drain and dredging is going on.

"The city has 74 flood-affected areas and measures are being taken to provide them with permanent relief. Temporary arrangements have been made to avoid any problem in these areas this monsoon," a senior BBMP official said.

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**EXPRESS READ**

### AI Express cancels 14 flights from K'taka

Bengaluru: Air India Express on Friday cancelled 14 flights, including two international flights, operated from Bengaluru and Mangaluru airports to other destinations. An airline representative listed these flights as cancelled from Bengaluru - Mangaluru, Mumbai, Varanasi, Gwalior, Kochi, Hyderabad, Pune, Ayodhya and Thiruvananthapuram. From Mangaluru airport, flights to Kannur, Doha, Dubai and Bengaluru stood cancelled.

## Daily Starscope

**PETER VIDAL**

**11TH May : It's Saturday again, one of my favourite days. It's named after the planet Saturn, as if you didn't guess. Back in the ancient world, they thought that this was the most distant planet and, if you could travel beyond it, you'd find nothing - except paradise. Sometimes I think we've lost a lot by forgetting that old, magical universe, full of promise and surprises!**

**ARIES** (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Financial affairs are, no doubt, extremely important, and professional matters could be rising up the ladder of priorities, but it is events in the world with which you have no direct personal connection which continue to exert a powerful influence on your thoughts.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21 - May 21)
A great philosopher once said that 'in my beginning is my end', suggesting that all future possibilities are contained within us even before we start. As the Moon plays its part today, it would be worth pondering what sort of future you are creating for yourself, and make it a good one!

**GEMINI** (May 22 - June 21)
Today's emotional Moon takes you right away from materialistic concerns towards the inner meaning of everything you do. Your spiritual values will help you assess what is worthwhile, and what is not. Only you know what these really are, so your conscience should be your guide.

**CANCER** (June 22 - July 23)
Excellent social stars urge you to get out and about as much as possible. The best arrangements are those based around joint activities, perhaps with a real purpose. Any sense of achievement will contribute towards a contented day. That's why it's a good idea to press on with the tasks which really matter to you.

**LEO** (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Recent failures can be turned into triumphs with extra determination. This is a competitive time which naturally suits all sporting types but, for all of you, the critical decision will be when to leave the starting block. You have about three days at the outside.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
There could be legal matters to sort out, travel plans to arrange, and ethical questions to ponder. In its essence, though, this is a day for adventure, and it really doesn't matter what you do as long as you stretch yourself. You should also keep a close eye on rising costs.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
There could be legal matters to sort out, travel plans to arrange, and ethical questions to ponder. In its essence, though, this is a day for adventure, and it really doesn't matter what you do as long as you stretch yourself. You should also keep a close eye on rising costs.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Partners are sure to dig their heels in. However, the more certain they appear, the greater their secret confusion. Therefore, you must be sensitive and sympathetic, and at all costs don't come on like an emotional battering ram - you'll only drive people away!

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Stay active and realise that the best relation-ships are those based on joint interests. In love, pure passion fades, and something needs to be found to take its place. That is why this is a fine moment to put emotional partnerships on a sounder footing.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
It's a promising day for all competitive activities and creative pursuits. It's also a moment to let your hair down and remember that it doesn't matter whether you're young or old. What's important is to be young at heart, and take each day as it comes.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
There's a strong chance of major improvements at home, but it's not a hundred per cent certain. What is undeniable is that family relationships lie at the exact centre of everything that you do. Even people who are a long way away can have an impact on your emotions.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Short journeys are important, but it's probably more necessary to keep other people informed as to your thoughts and plans. The decisions you take now should be based around practical arrangements - there's no point in keeping your head in the clouds. Educational projects should go well.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle ⬇

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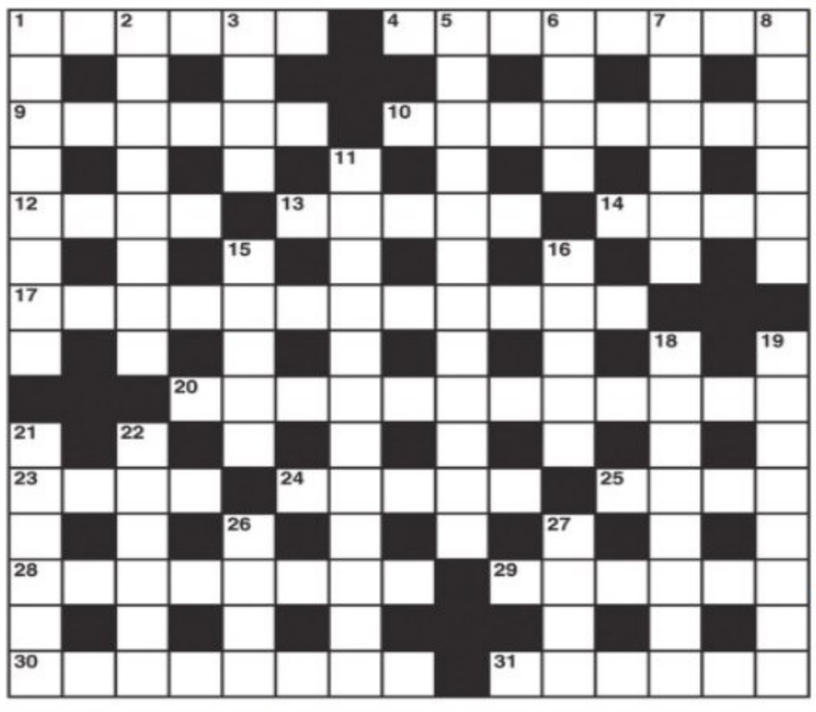

**CROSS WORD**

**ACROSS**
1 Offer to surrender (6)
4 The English way? Ah, no - but a foreign sort (8)
9 An aggressive female runner (6)
10 Made concession to be allowed in (8)
12 It means no rest to the Italian (4)
13 Take to wife forsooth (5)
14 It's only fair (4)
17 Swiss cantons for example? (7,5)
20 Incoherent and unusually sore climber (8,4)
23 School bill returned (4)
24 Waste grounds (5)
25 Whence dates are taken in hand (4)
28 A shocking swimmer straying all over the place (8)
29 Lady rider barely remembered (6)
30 Goes or returns (8)
31 Recent change of heart (6)

**DOWN**
1 Begin rebuilding fort fast (5,3)
2 Coal-burning vessels (8)
3 One to study a good figure (4)
5 Enterprises giving less profits? (12)
6 God involved in food industry (4)
7 King for half a year and one short day (6)
8 Untidy heap of discarded clothing? (6)
11 You may welcome a nip from this dog (5,7)
15 Shrub; one that's in rising demand (5)
16 People may act on it (5)
18 Sort mail shrewdly for preacher of ethics (8)
19 People take part in it on the side (4,4)
21 Eases off the downward pressure? (4,2)
22 You'd look dotty wearing it (6)
26 Gore-bespattered brute (4)
27 Take forty winks - or less than twelve (4)

**YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS**

**Across:** 1 Gusto, 4 Armrest, 8 Act, 9 Essential, 10 Bequest, 11 Rakes, 13 X-rayed, 15 Pandas, 18 Arena, 19 Braille, 21 Henrietta, 23 Vat, 24 Nuggets, 25 Haste.

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**JUMBLE**

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BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: ELOPE HUSKY TANDEM UNIQUE
Answer: Some words that mean "be fond of" include enjoy, adore, relish, prefer — AND THE LIKE

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Kudremukh police in Chikkamagaluru district have booked a man for sharing obscene videos on social media. The accused has been identified as Prajwal C (25), a resident of Kuchigeri Samse village in Kalasa taluk

# Reputation of male, female equal: City court

## Man filmed naked, court refuses bail to three accused

**YATHIRAJU** @ Bengaluru

CHARACTER, reputation or feeling comes first and stands equal for both males and females, said the city civil and sessions court, rejecting the anticipatory bail to three youth, including a woman. The trio had allegedly videographed a man naked and threatened to send the video to all his contacts and the media.

Judge Mamtaz, 52nd Additional City Civil and Sessions Court, said the body of male or female is always treated as holy and the mental injuries are more heinous than the physical injuries as the act of making a naked video public will leave an indelible scar on the mind.

On April 21, the accused woman called her friend, the complainant, who is a resident of Laggere, to come to a pub at JP Nagar. He arrived at around 11 pm and the two, along with her two male friends, drank till 2 am.

Later, one of the accused snatched the complainant's scooter key. Another accused and the woman then pushed the complainant into the car and abused in filthy language for not returning the money he had taken from the woman.

They later took the complainant near Shirke apartments in Kengeri and assaulted him. Then near Mysuru Road, they asked him to pay Rs 70,000 on that day or Rs 1 lakh the next day. Later, they took him to Sonnenahalli where one of the accused was staying and locked him up in a room. They made him remove all his clothes and videographed him.

They forced him to get a cheque book from his residence through a delivery app at that hour and made him sign a blank cheque. They threatened him that if he did not return the money by May 5, the video would be sent to all his contacts. A day after returning home, the complainant filed a complaint with Puttenahalli police on April 23.

The court noted that the case is still being investigated and if the accused persons are granted bail, they may try to destroy evidence.

## EYE IN THE SKY

Bengaluru Traffic Police personnel fly a drone, used for effective traffic management, at Winsor Manor junction in Bengaluru on Friday | VINOD KUMAR T

### YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT

# Obtain protein from regular foods: Docs

**RISHITA KHANNA** @ Bengaluru

IN the backdrop of the latest dietary guidelines issued by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) cautioning against the consumption of protein supplements, city doctors too have stressed that individuals can get the desired protein from the food they consume regularly. ICMR has labelled protein supplements as unnecessary and potentially harmful.

Dispelling myths, the National Institute of Nutrition (NIN), Hyderabad, emphasised that even athletes can obtain sufficient protein solely from food, without the need for supplements, and further underscored the risks of prolonged consumption of protein supplements.

"Protein requirements are not as high as commonly perceived. Continued intake of excessive protein poses potential risks, including bone mineral loss and kidney damage," the recent guidelines stated.

Consistently consuming protein supplements can put pressure on kidney function by elevating glomerular filtration rate (eGFR), which shows how well kidney filtrate and serum creatinine levels, which depicts amount of creatinine in the blood. Moreover, diets high in acidic proteins could contribute to calcium depletion, which can negatively affect bone health, health experts highlight.

Dr Nasiruddin G, Consultant (Internal Medicine) at Fortis Hospital, said, "To build muscle effectively, one must prioritise a balanced diet abundant in complete proteins, supplying all nine essential amino acids crucial for muscle growth." It is crucial to integrate a variety of protein sources throughout the day, such as lean meat, fish, eggs, dairy products like greek yogurt and cottage cheese, as well as plant-based options like beans, lentils, quinoa, tofu, nuts, and seeds, he added.

Dr Nasiruddin explained that this approach ensures a steady intake of essential amino acids, supporting natural muscle development without relying on protein supplements. "One must aim for at least 0.36 grams per pound of body weight (0.8 grams per km) of protein daily, the minimum requirement to meet one's body needs," he highlighted.

Edwina Raj, Head of Services, Clinical Nutrition and Dietetics at Aster CMI Hospital emphasised the importance of obtaining daily protein and Essential Amino Acids (EAAs) from natural sources through mindful eating, before turning to supplements, as natural sources offers numerous benefits and necessary EAAs required for muscle growth and repair.

# WOMAN HELD FOR MURDER OF TRANSWOMAN

**EXPRESS NEW SERVICE** @ Bengaluru

A 51-year-old woman who allegedly strangulated a transwoman over a quarrel, has been arrested by Jeevan Beema Nagar police. According to police, the crime likely occurred in the first week of May in Murugeshpalya on Old Airport Road.

The accused has been identified as Prema, a resident of Murugeshpalya and native of Channarayapatna of Hassan district. Prema works as a domestic help. The victim, Mangi Nayaka alias Mangi Bhai (42), was a transwoman residing Murugeshpalya.

Police said Prema lost her husband over 20 years ago and was staying with Mangi. The two had frequent fights over financial issues. Sometime between May 1 and 3, Mangi, who was reportedly drunk, had a heated argument and attempted to stab Prema with a knife, and the latter allegedly strangled Mangi with a towel in self-defense, before fleeing.

The police received a call two days later, when Mangi's associates became suspicious after she was not responding to calls. On May 3, they found her decomposed body at home and called the police.

Initially, the police registered a case of unnatural death. The postmortem revealed that Mangi died due to high compression on the neck bone. The police questioned neighbours, and suspected Prema. On May 8, the police arrested Prema from her village and charged her with murder.

### CRIME PATROL

#### POCSO accused found dead

BENGALURU: A 20-year-old accused under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, who was out on bail, was found dead under mysterious circumstances on Mission Road on Thursday night. The deceased, identified as Sathya, was found dead behind the BBMP head office. Sathya, who was a resident of Malleswaram, was a school dropout and without a job. DCP (Central) HT Shekar said Sathya was granted bail a month ago, after being arrested in a POCSO case registered by the SR Nagar police station in 2023. "Passerby, after seeing the body on Friday morning, informed the police. The victim is suspected to have been heavily drunk. A case of unnatural death has been registered. There are no external injuries on the body and the police are awaiting the postmortem report to ascertain the exact cause of the death," the DCP added. The SR Nagar police have registered a case. Further investigations are on.

#### Boy playfully pushes 6-yr-old sister towards iron gate, killing her

BENGALURU: A six-year-old girl died after sustaining severe head injury, while playing with her brother and friends. The girl's head struck the iron gate of their house, after her elder brother pushed her towards it playfully. The incident occurred in Vajarahalli, Nelamangala, on Thursday. The deceased has been identified as Yellamma, a resident of Vajarahalli. The police said that around 6.30 am, Yellamma's parents were busy with household work. "Yellamma, her elder brother, and her friends were playing with each other, when her brother reportedly pushed her towards the iron gate, and she ended up with her head hitting the gate. Upon hearing her screams, parents rushed and picked her up. The girl was rushed to hospital, where she was declared dead on arrival by doctors. The police have filed a case of unnatural death.

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Gadag district in-charge minister H K Patil inspected water level at Hammigi barrage on Thursday and said that an urgent meeting will be held with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to discuss the water crisis in the district

● Deputy CM says powerful netas threatening victims ● CM tells Opposition to trust state police ● Joshi reiterates BJP stand that those guilty must be punished

# VICTIMS RELUCTANT TO APPROACH SIT DUE TO THREATS, SAYS DKS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

DEPUTY Chief Minister and KPCC president D K Shivakumar on Friday said the victims in alleged sex scandal involving Hassan JDS MP Prajwal Revanna, have been reluctant to approach the Special Investigation Team (SIT), which was carrying out the probe, owing to threats from "influential politicians".

Speaking to reporters after taking part in the Basava Jayanti celebrations at Vidhana Soudha, he, however, claimed that the names of those victims who had approached the SIT were not revealed, since, "They are facing threats from powerful politicians and it is in their interest that their identities remain hidden".

When asked about former chief minister HD Kumaraswamy approaching Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot on Thursday, seeking his (Shivakumar's) removal and getting the CBI to probe the case, the DCM quoted 12th century reformer Basavanna's 'vachana'. He suggested Kumaraswamy to set his own house in order before pointing fingers at others.

"Why are you trying to set the whole world in order? You fix your own mind and body," he said.

On the National Commission of Women statement that no victims have filed a complaint before it in Prajwal Revanna's case, Shivakumar said, "I am happy that the commission has commented on the case at least now. It is not my job to respond to this, the investigating officers(of the SIT) will respond."

"Karnataka is the land of Basavanna's principles. Our government too follows the principle of equal share for all and equal life to all. We are inspired by Basavanna's principles and our schemes are for everyone, irrespective of caste and creed," he claimed.

Meanwhile, Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara, commenting on the NCW's statement that a woman had complained that there was pressure from the SIT to depose before it, suggested the panel to speak to the SIT and get it clarified.

Deputy CM DK Shivakumar, along with Legislative Council Chairman Basavaraj Horatti, Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre and MLA Vinay Kulkarni, offers floral tribute to Basaveshwara on the occasion of Basava Jayanti, at Vidhana Soudha on Friday | EXPRESS

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>
> DK Shivakumar, Deputy CM

## Joshi also bats for CBI probe in Prajwal case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Hubballi

UNION Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Coal and Mines **Pralhad Joshi** has cast aspersions on the SIT investigation into the alleged sex scandal involving Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna and demanded that the probe be handed to the CBI to unearth truth in the case.

Speaking to reporters here on Friday, Joshi charged that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar were indulging in petty politics and were least bothered about delivering justice to the victims in the Prajwal Revanna case. "If the state government is not ready for a CBI probe, let the chief minister sack Shivakumar to ensure fairness in the investigation, as his involvement in the case is being alleged," he demanded.

"Why was FIR not registered against Revanna immediately? On April 21 itself, alleged sleaze videos allegedly involving Prajwal went viral. Why wasn't a case filed against him on the 22nd? Both Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar should answer this if they have morals," he stated.

The BJP has cleared its stand on Prajwal's case and demanded severe punishment, he said, adding that none should be spared irrespective of who is involved in the case, including in the the distribution of pen drives in the public. However, the minister criticised the government for not acting swiftly in this regard and doing petty politics. Alleging that politics was played by the Congress government in MLA HD Revanna's case too, Joshi said the Grand Old Party needed politics more than investigating or delivering justice.

## SIDDU RULES OUT CBI PROBE INTO HASSAN SEX SCANDAL

ENS @ Mysuru

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday ruled out a CBI probe into Hassan sex scandal, stating that his government has full faith and confidence in Karnataka police.

Brushing aside opposition parties' demand for the CBI probe, he told reporters here that there is no international angle to the case. The BJP is projecting the case that way to press for the central agency's investigation, he alleged.

He said, "The opposition parties should have faith in Karnataka police. If they don't have confidence in SIT, then who would they trust?" He said the BJP and former PM HD Deve Gowda, who spoke against CBI some time ago, have developed a sudden love for the central agency.

Siddaramaiah said during his previous tenure as CM, he referred the DK Ravi, KJ George and Paresh Mesta cases to CBI. But they yielded no results. The BJP, which is now demanding the CBI probe, did not order the central agency's probe into many corruption cases during its rule, he alleged.

Asked if JDS leader HD Revanna was arrested on a false FIR, he said if the Holenarsipur MLA did not make any mistake why has he applied for anticipatory bail? Why did the court reject his bail plea?

### *SIT sends notices to Devaraje Gowda, Kartik*

HASSAN: The SIT on Friday issued notices to Devaraje Gowda, a BJP leader and advocate, and Kartik Gowda, former driver of Hassan NDA candidate Prajwal Revanna, over the sex scandal allegedly involving Prajwal. They have been directed to appear before SIT within 24 hours. Devaraje Gowda has already met SIT officers and revealed details about the pen drive allegedly containing obscene videos of Prajwal. Devaraje Gowda and Kartik are blaming each other for the circulation of pen drives. Hassan cybercrime police have registered a case against Kartik, Puttaraju, Sharath, Naveen Gowda and Chetan for allegedly circulating the pen drives after a complaint was filed by JDS worker Poornachandra Tejasvi the on April 23. The accused had applied for the anticipatory bail at additional district principal and session court that was rejected recently. **ENS**

### *Congress lodges plaint against Devaraje Gowda*

BENGALURU: Congress leaders lodged a complaint with the High Grounds police here on Friday, accusing BJP leader and lawyer Devaraje Gowda of resorting to blackmail politics, with regard to Hassan JDS MP Prajwal Revanna's alleged sex scandal case. Led by KPCC general secretary S Manohar, the Congressmen staged a protest against Gowda, urging that he be arrested as a woman had filed a case against him at Holenarasipur station on April 1. "He (Devaraje Gowda) is a proven blackmailer, as he unnecessarily made allegations against the Congress government and its leaders over the sleazy pen drive leak issue. He got himself exposed eventually by a woman, as he had allegedly sought 'favour' from her," alleged Manohar. Manohar questioned why Devaraje Gowda did not lodge a complaint with the police, despite reportedly being in possession of the pen drive. **ENS**

## Third FIR filed against absconding Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna

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MEANWHILE, another FIR has been registered against Prajwal, the prime accused in the Hassan sex scandal. With this, three FIRs have been filed against the absconding MP.

The third FIR is based on the second rape complaint registered against him. In this complaint, Prajwal has been accused of raping the victim repeatedly, demanding sexual favours, filming, disrobing or compelling her to be naked and threatening her.

The complaint was registered on May 8. The first FIR was filed against him based on a complaint by a 44-year-old victim at the CID police station in Bengaluru on May 2.

The first FIR was filed against Holenarsipur MLA HD Revanna and Prajwal in Holenarasipur town police station on April 28.

Meanwhile, Crime No 33/2024 registered by Hassan CEN police on April 23 has been transferred to SIT. The complaint was filed against one Naveen Gowda and three others, alleging that they had morphed the pictures of Prajwal in the pen-drives and then circulated them.

Following this complaint, Naveen Gowda and three others, including Karthik Gowda, the former car driver of Prajwal, had applied for anticipatory bail, which was rejected. The SIT had issued notices to the four accused to appear before it.

The SIT has served a second notice to Bhavani Revanna, wife of Revanna. The notice is said to have been sent to her WhatsApp number. The notice has been sent based on the statements of a victim against Bhavani.

## Nettaru killed to create fear in one community, says agency

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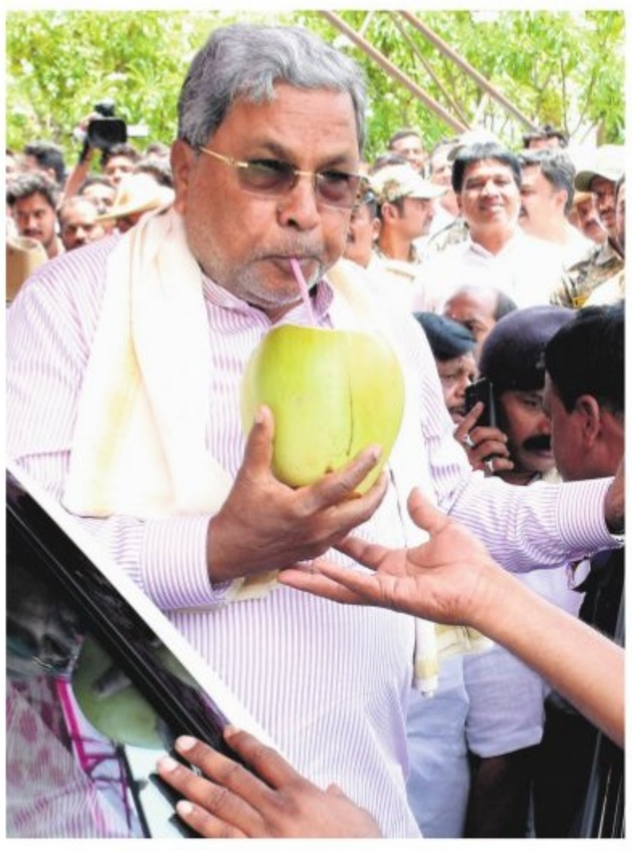
ON March 4, 2023, the NIA arrested Thufail MH, the district head of PFI's service team and former PFI Kodagu district secretary, from his house at Amruthahalli in Bengaluru.

With Paichar's arrest, the NIA is looking for Sherif Masud KA, Abubakkar Siddik and Ummar Farook MR, who are absconding.The NIA filed a chargesheet against 21 people in the Nettaru murder case in January 2023. The agency stated that Nettaru was killed with sharp weapons as part of the PFI's agenda to spread fear among members of one community and cause unrest in society. Paichar was reportedly instructed to recce, identify and target a prominent member of a particular community.

In the chargesheet, the agency stated that the PFI, to further its agenda of establishing Islamic rule by 2047, had formed secret teams called 'service teams or killer squads' to carry out killings of its 'perceived enemies' and targets. "These service team members were trained in using firearms and surveillance equipment to identify, list out and to mount surveillance on leaders belonging to certain communities and groups," the NIA stated.

The chargesheet stated that some PFI leaders and members held meetings in Bengaluru, Sullia and Bellare to avenge the murder of Kalanja Masood. The PFI members, as per instructions, recced and identified four people and Nettaru was among them.



COOL CAMPAIGN

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah takes a break to have some refreshing tender coconut water in Mysuru on Friday | UDAYASHANKAR S

## JOSHI SAYS HINDU POPULATION DECLINING ACROSS COUNTRY

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Hubballi

UNION Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Coal and Mines Pralhad Joshi on Friday expressed concern over the decline in Hindu population in the country and said it is an alarming development. The central and state governments should take note and employ remedial measures, he added.

Referring to the recent report of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Committee on 'Share of Religious Minority - A Cross Country Analysis', he said that no immediate decision can be taken on the decline of Hindu population, but a comprehensive study should be conducted.

A further slide in the Hindu population can change the democratic setup of the country and its secular character could be in danger, he said. India is the only secular country in the world in its true sense as it is in the blood and nature of Indians. The declining numbers of Hindus should worry the government and society, he added.

Accusing Congress of conspiring to divide the country on race, he said the remarks made by Rahul Gandhi's ideologue Sam Pitroda are objectionable and exposed the character of the Grand Old Party. He also expressed his displeasure over some Congress leaders pitting North India against South India and seeking to divide the country.

On Pitroda's remark, he said it is not fair for Congressmen to create a sense of division based on people's complexion and culture.

Union minister Pralhad Joshi pays obeisance to Basaveshwara, to mark Basava Jayanti, in Hubballi on Friday | EXPRESS

## Modi spends five mins in Kalaburagi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Kalaburagi

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** spent five minutes at the Kalaburagi Airport on Friday while on his way to Narayanpet in Telangana.

Senior BJP leader Harshanand Guttedar, who is also a former member of the Kalaburagi Zilla Panchayat, told TNIE that only a few members of BJP were allowed to meet the Prime Minister at the airport.

Modi arrived at the airport at 2.25 pm by a special flight and left for Mahbubnagar in Narayanpet by a helicopter.

Guttedar presented a portrait of Basaveshwara to Modi, and told the latter that he is giving it on the occasion of Basava Jayanti.

## Cong MLAs in touch with BJP, govt will collapse in state after LS polls: Ashoka

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly, R Ashoka, on Friday predicted the fall of the Congress government in Karnataka soon after the results of the ongoing Lok Sabha elections are announced on June 4.

Speaking to the media in Bengaluru, Ashoka said that the Congress MLAs who are fed up with the functioning of the Siddaramaiah government will themselves bring the government down.

"The government is all set to crumble... Many had claimed that it was impossible to bring down governments. But what happened with Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh and also in Karnataka? We have proved that it is possible," the BJP leader said.

Asked if Congress MLAs are in touch with the BJP, Ashoka clarified that because they are in touch with them (BJP), he is predicting the fall of the Congress government. "I don't deny that some of them (Congress MLAs) are in touch with us. The countdown for the fall of the State Government has started," he added.

He alleged that DyCM and KPCC president, DK Shivakumar, had said in Mandya that if the Congress could not win in the Lok Sabha polls, the government will collapse. "CM Siddaramaiah's son had also alleged that the BJP is offering Rs 30 crore to Rs 50 crore per MLA. They (Congress leaders) are only predicting the collapse of the government. Several Congress MLAs are fed up with the government as not even a single paise has been released for development," Ashoka claimed.

> About 2 lakh children have not joined anganwadis due to the poor quality of food
> — R Ashokia, Leader of Opposition in the Assembly

He also alleged that the people of Karnataka are "cursing" the Congress Government, as it has not taken up any development work since coming to power last year.

He alleged that the State Government has not released the dues to milk producers and the salaries of the 108 ambulance drivers. "About 2 lakh children have not joined anganwadis due to the poor quality of food," he added.

He further alleged that the State Government has "not even released a single naya paisa" for drought relief.

"The grants from boards and corporations, including those meant for the welfare of SCs/STs, BCs, and Veerashaiva Lingayats have been withdrawn. How can this government serve the poor?" he charged.

In the wake of lack of rain in Kerala, Congress (M) chairman Jose K Mani has urged PM Modi to declare Kerala as a drought-hit state and provide special financial aid. Jose emphasised the dire situation, and pointed out that Kerala was included in the IMD's heatwave map for the first time

POLL HEAT

# Cong 'anti-Hindu', doesn't care about country: Modi

'Prince speaks of supporting tukde-tukde gang, poisons society'

PTI @Hyderabad

LAUNCHING an attack on the Congress with respect to reservations, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday claimed that the national party is "anti-Hindu" and it knows religion-based reservations are unconstitutional.

Addressing an election rally in Mahabubnagar Lok Sabha constituency, he said the 'shehzade' of Congress (Rahul Gandhi) started off with 'mohabbat ki dukaan' before polls which lost steam as elections approached.

The 'shehzade' (prince) is now poisoning the society by speaking of supporting 'tukde-tukde gang', he claimed.

In a veiled reference to Congress leader Sam Pitroda's recent remarks, he said the 'shehzade's advisor' who lives in America described South Indian people as looking like Africans, which the PM claimed implied that Telangana people look like Africans.

'You know why, because he doesn't like your skin colour. Now Congress will decide based on skin colour who is African and who is Indian," he said.

Alleging that the Congress' "hatred" towards Hindus and their culture was being exposed daily, Modi said the leader who tutors 'shehzada' also said Ram temple should not have been built at Ayodhya.

"He has declared that construction of Ram temple at Ayodhya" and celebrating Ram Navami is against the idea of India, Modi claimed.

"I go to temple with great pride. He has given certificate that even this is anti-national. Do you perform puja on Ram Navami or not? Do you want to go to Ayodhya for darshan? Are you going to commit anti-national activity (with worship)?" he asked.

"Congress wants to make Hindus second-class citizens in their own country. Are they talking about vote jihad because of this?" he questioned.

Attacking the Congress government in Telangana, Modi said he referred to double R (RR) tax in the state, without taking any names, but Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is giving explanations to the media indicating who is associated with it.

Supporters during a public meeting of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for Lok Sabha elections, in Hyderabad on Friday | PTI

### Cong delivers what is promised, says Kharge

Hyderabad: AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge on Friday said that Prime Minister Modi loves the "M" word and that's why he prefers to talk mostly about Mughals, Muslim League, Mutton and Mangalsutra instead of seeking votes on the basis of development in the last 10 years. Addressing a press conference, along with Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy, AICC state in-charge Deepa Dasmunshi and TPCC campaign committee chairman Madhu Yaskhi, Kharge said that the Congress government implemented several pre-poll promises in Telangana. "The Congress is the party that promises and delivers." he said. The AICC chief said that the Congress government in the state will soon take a decision on giving compensation to farmers whose crops were damaged by untimely rains. Later in the day, he also attended election rallies in the Bhongir Lok Sabha segment.

PM Narendra Modi at the roadshow in Bhubaneswar on Friday | DEBADATTA MALLICK

### PM Modi leads roadshow in Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar: Prime Minister Narendra Modi led a roadshow in the Odisha state capital on Friday as part of his campaign for BJP candidates in Bhubaneswar LS seat and seven assembly segments under it where polling will be held on May 25. A large number of people gathered on both sides of the road cheered for the prime minister and waved cutouts of the BJP's election symbol 'lotus' as Modi greeted them from his open jeep. The crowd also shouted slogans and showered flower petals as the decorated vehicle with the prime minister standing atop it passed. Odisha BJP president Manmohan Samal and Bhubaneswar Lok Sabha BJP candidate Aparajita Sarangi were also with Modi.

# ED not super investigating agency: Kerala High Court

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kochi

THE Kerala High Court on Friday orally observed that the enforcement directorate (ED) is not a 'super investigating agency', and its main responsibility is to trace the assets derived from the proceeds of crime, provisionally attach the property and ensure the prosecution of offenders.

The court made the observation when ED's counsel submitted that as an investigating agency, it has to look into all the aspects of the 2021 Kodakara black money case, in which accusations were raised against some BJP leaders. The HC was considering a petition filed by the state president of AAP, alleging lethargic attitude by ED in probing the case.

"The Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) can be invoked only when the FIR is registered for a scheduled offence. The state police will register the FIR under those offences mentioned as predicate offences in the PMLA and its jurisdiction will end after registering an FIR. ED's job is limited to two enactments, one is the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) and the other is PMLA. What is their responsibility? They are not an investigating agency in that sense. ED's duty is to attach or recover any property suspected to have been acquired with the proceeds of crime in the case of any offence listed in the schedule of the law. ED is not a super CBI or whatever it is," said Justice Gopinath P.

The central agency stated that there are allegations against numerous persons in the case. The petitioner submitted before the court that even after three years, ED is still maintaining its earlier statement that a file has been opened and investigation is progressing. Nothing happened after that, the plea stated.

ED's counsel Jaisankar V Nair submitted that in 2021, the agency conducted a preliminary investigation, and it registered an Enforcement Case Information Report in 2023.

An investigation is in progress and efforts are being made to ascertain the proceeds of the crime as well as money trail in the case. A meticulous investigation is required in such cases to find out the money trail, the proceeds of crime (PoC) and persons involved and perpetrators of offence of money laundering. The case under investigation by the ED involved the offence of money laundering arising out of a scheduled offence of dacoity. Several persons have been questioned and their statements recorded, the counsel said.

The ED said the petition was a clear abuse of the process of law. The PIL was neither maintainable in law nor tenable on facts as the petitioner is in no way connected with the alleged crime. Besides, a third party like the petitioner had no locus standi to challenge the investigation by a competent authority under the garb of a PIL, it stated.

ALL THAT GLITTERS

People in Bhubaneswar buy gold ornaments on the auspicious occasion of Akshaya Tritiya on Friday | SHAMIM QURESHY

# Villager tipped off officials

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OWING to his pressure, the girl's parents held the betrothal ceremony on Thursday after the SSLC exam results were announced.

However, a villager called the child helpline and informed the staff there about the "child marriage". Following this, officials from the Social Welfare Department visited the girl's house and convinced her parents and the accused to hold the marriage ceremony after she turned 18. Both parties agreed and the officials returned.

Prakash went to the victim's house late in the evening and accused her parents of alerting the officials about the betrothal. After assaulting her parents, Prakash allegedly dragged her out of the house and chopped her head off. He then fled the spot with the severed head.

The victim had six siblings. Sources said the victim's elder sister was also married off before she turned 18.

Rumours were rife in Surlabbi on Friday that Prakash had killed himself. However, Superintendent of Police K Ramarajan said investigations are on and police have not found Prakash's body.

He said police security will be given to the victim's family and a special team has been formed to nab the accused. Her parents, who suffered injuries, were admitted to hospital.

# 3 employees drown in JSW steel plant tank

JSW steel plant rescue team searches for the bodies of the deceased | EXPRESS

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @ Ballari

IN a tragic incident, three employees drowned in a water supply canal at JSW Steel Plant in Toranagallu town of Ballari district on Thursday.

The deceased are Gante Jadeppa (31) from Hosapete, Shivamagadev M (22), assistant manger from Chennai, and Sushanth Krishna Nynaru (21) from Bengaluru.

The incident took place when the three were carrying out a repair work in the water supply canal which suddenly got flooded due to a technical glitch. Their bodies were recovered from the water tank. The family of the deceased rushed to Vijayanagara Institute of Medical Science to receive their bodies.

Ranjith Kumar Bandaru, Superintendent of Police (SP), Ballari, confirmed that the three worked at JSW Steel Plant of Toranagallu and drowned in the water tank on Thursday.

The employees entered the flux (tunnel) in HSM3 unit of JSW Steel where water is poured continuously on the hot steel strip which further gets collected in a tank with multiple compartments. When the flow of water stopped due to a glitch in power supply, the three entered the tunnel to identify the cause but got washed away and drowned in the tank (which is around 70-80 foot deep) when water suddenly started gushed into the tunnel. However, none of the family members have lodged any complaint. JSW Steel Plant gave no official statement. No case has been registered.

SCIENTIFIC BREAKTHROUGH

# ISRO's engine design saves raw material, time

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) achieved yet another milestone in design and manufacturing by successfully conducting a long duration test of the PS4 engine of the PSLV stage. The scientists were able to build a new engine – a single piece that saves 97 percent of raw materials and reduces production time by 60 per cent.

The hot testing of liquid rocket engine manufactured through Additive Manufacturing (AM) technology was done on May 9 for a duration of 665 seconds. The manufacturing was done in the Indian industry (M/s WIPRO 3D), and the engine was hot tested at ISRO Propulsion Complex, Mahendragiri.

The Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre (LPSC), ISRO team redesigned the engine making it amenable to the Design for Additive Manufacturing (DfAM) concept thereby gaining considerable advantages.

The earlier PS4 engine manufactured in the conventional machining and welding route has been in use for the fourth stage of PSLV which has a thrust of 7.33 kN in vacuum condition.

"The Laser Powder Bed Fusion technique employed has brought down the number of parts from 14 to a single-piece, and eliminated 19 weld joints, saving significantly on the raw material usage per engine (13.7 kg of metal powder compared to the 565 kg of forging and sheets for conventional manufacturing process) and reduced 60% in the overall production time," said ISRO in a statement.

The space agency plans on inducting the redesigned AM PS4 engine into the regular PSLV programme.

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> - ISRO statement

# Whodunnit? Thousands of trees burnt inside Kodagu reserve forest

PRAJNA GR @ Madikeri

Thousands of trees were illegally felled inside the reserve forest area close to Talacauvery sanctuary in Kodagu. The incident came to light after Kodagu Ekikarana Members highlighted the issue after visiting the spot. Suspecting involvement of foresters in the act, they have filed a complaint in this regard with the Virajpet MLA AS Ponnanna.

Located on the edge of Talacauvery Sanctuary, Mundrote Forest Range of Padinalkunadu Reserve Forest area is home to over 6,000 species of trees and plants. However, thousands of trees have been axed illegally inside the reserve forest area and three accused have been booked in the case.

In a move to erase evidence, they burned the axed trees risking the spread of forest fire across the Talacauvery sanctuary region.

When Kodagu Ekikarana Ranga forum members visited the spot, they found that over 5 acres of reserve forest land was allegedly cleared by the encroachers.

Virajpet DCF Jaganath shared that the department is still ascertaining if the chopping was carried out in the reserve forest area or at the private land touching the reserve forest area.

Nevertheless, FIR filed by the department states that the incident took place in the reserve forest area. "Stringent action will be taken against the culprits," DCF added.

Trees axed inside Padinalkukadu Reserve Forest area | EXPRESS

# India's GenAI platform now in 98 languages

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

SEETHA Mahalaxmi (SML) India Private Limited and 3AI Holding Limited in Bengaluru on Friday announced the launch of Hanooman- India's homegrown multilingual GenAI platform in 98 global languages, including 12 Indian languages, to build a GenAI ecosystem for India by leveraging the country's diverse linguistic and cultural heritage.

Hanooman has been developed by Bengaluru-based SML India in partnership with 3AI Holding and other leading technology stalwarts, including HP, NASSCOM and Yotta.

The aim is to support AI startups, foster fintech innovation, engage with colleges, and participate in research programmes. They have also collaborated with the Government of Telangana to facilitate seamless translation between English and Telugu, enhancing accessibility and understanding of crucial documents like court orders.

The 12 Indian languages that the web and app are currently available include Hindi, Marathi, Gujarati, Bengali, Kannada, Odia, Punjabi, Assamese, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, and Sindhi. The list of global languages includes English, Spanish, Italian, German, Japanese, and Korean, among others.

The technology combines specialised Large Longwave Models (LLMs) built with a dynamic integration synthesis matrix to deliver clear, adaptive insights and transform complex data into actionable intelligence effortlessly.

It is presently accessible in its free version, with the premium subscription plan to be launched later this year.

Along with its exceptional translation capabilities, Hanooman can handle everything from a casual chat to offering professional advice, as well as perform complex technical tasks like coding and tutoring. The aim is also to cater to four sectors, including healthcare, governance, financial services, and education.

# Seizure of liquor by ED, citing poll code, abuse of power: K'taka HC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court took serious exception to the conduct of the Excise Department in registering crimes against a company by seizing its two trucks loaded with liquor bottles, citing the model code of conduct, though the company is permitted to supply that liquor to the Karnataka State Beverages Corporation Limited (KSBCL).

Justice M G Uma the quashed two First Information Reports (FIRs) registered by the Excise Officials of Nelamangala Subdivision against Kalpatharu Breweries and Distilleries.

The judge said, "Prima facie it is the case of abuse of process of law by registering the case during the Lok Sabha elections taking advantage of the

Election of Code of Conduct.

If at all the petitioner company was not permitted to deliver the liquor to Karnataka KSBCL during the period of the code of conduct, the department could not have issued the permit in favour of the petitioner."

Kalpatharu Breweries moved the high court, questioning the seizure of its trucks, each containing Rs 30 lakh worth of liquor, and registration of crimes on March 18 by the excise officials.

The petitioner company stated that it produced liquor and beer as per the licence and is allowed to supply only to the KSBCL.

The permit was issued on March 16 which was valid up to March 22. But before its expiry, the excise sub-inspector registered the FIRs on the ground that the trucks loaded with liquor were parked on the company premises.

The government advocate opposed the petitions, arguing that the company parked the trucks loaded with liquor on its premises.

The court noted that even if the first information is accepted as it is in the light of the invoice and the permit produced by the petitioner, no offence either under Section 32 or under Section 34 of the Karnataka Excise Act, 1965 is made out and hence petitions are not allowed.

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## APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6) & 9 (1)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) & 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Co-Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) as per column (iii) that the below described immovable properties as per column (iv) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Formerly known as IDFC Bank Ltd, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" as described hereunder, for the recovery of amount due to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (Formerly known as IDFC Bank Ltd)** from Borrower (s) and Co-Borrower (s) as per column (i).
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided on IDFC FIRST Bank website i.e. **www.idfcfirstbank.com**

| S. NO | (i) Demand Notice Date and Amount | (ii) Agreement ID | (iii) Name of Borrower (s), Co-Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) | (iv) MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS | (v) Reserve Price Amount | (vi) EMD Amount | (vii) Date and Time of Auction | (viii) Date and Time of EMD Auction | (ix) Date and time of Inspection | (x) Authorized Officer Name & Contact Number |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | INR 3442279.51/- Demand Notice dated: 12-Jun-2021 | 26692454 | **Pasupala Guru Manjunath & Pasupala Bharathi** | All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing Flat No.FO-2 In 4Th Floor, Consists Of 2 Bed Room, 1 Attached Bathroom, 1 Common Bathroom, 1 Living Room, Modular Kitchen, Katha No.46/1, Measuring 800 Sq.Ft. Sba With Undivided Share, Right, Title And Ineterest Of 280 Sq.Ft. Along With One Covered Car Parking, Situated At Site No. 6, Katha No. 46/1, Puttenahalli Village, Uttarahill Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently Comes Under The Limits Of Bbmp, Ward No.187 And, Bounded As :- **East : Flat No. Fo-03 & West : Flat No. Fo-01, North: Passage & Private Property & South: Road** | **INR 2916000.00/-** | INR 291600.00/- | 28-May-2024 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM | 27-May-2024 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM | 22-May-2024 10.00 AM to 4.00 PM | Name- Preeti Toshniwal Contact Number- 9694702013 Name- Samson Castelino Contact Number- 9164040717 |
| 2 | INR 8697028.00/- Demand Notice dated: 15-Oct-2022 | 10062339128 | **S Santhosh & Madhu G R** | All That Piece And Parcel Of Apartment / Flat Bearing No.203 On The First Floor, Admeasuring Of 1283 Sq. Ft. (Super Built Up Area) With Two Bedrooms, A Kitchen, Inclusive Of Proportionate Share In Common Areas Along With One Covered Car Parking Space., Of The Apartment Building Known As 'Advaitha' Constructed On The Property Bearing Bda No. 93/D, Present Bbmp Katha No. 93/D, Situated At 2Nd Main Road, 2Nd Stage, Industrial Suburb, Rajajinagar Industrial Layout, Banglore, And Bounded As :- **Boundaries Of Sail Property / Flat :- East: Duct And Flat No. 202 ,West: Passage And Ots,North: Set Back South: Set Back/Boundaries Of Sail Land / Plot:-East: Road, West: Private Property, North: Site No. 93/E & South: Site No. 93/C** | **INR 8352900.00/-** | INR 835290.00/- | 30-May-2024 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM | 29-May-2024 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM | 24-May-2024 10.00 AM to 4.00 PM | Name- Preeti Toshniwal Contact Number- 9694702013 Name- Samson Castelino Contact Number- 9663456354 |

Disclaimer: Please note that the said notice is issued for sale of immovable property only and IDFC FIRST Bank Limited has no right to sale of the movable assets, if any, present at the immovable property.

Sd/-
**Authorized Officer**
**IDFC FIRST Bank Limited**
**(Formerly known as IDFC Bank Ltd)**

**Date: 11.05.2024**

## BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL AT COIMBATORE

(No.27, Jawan's Bhavan, Travelers Bungalow Road, Coimbatore)

**O.A.No.31 of 2024**

**HDFC Bank Ltd (earlier HDFC Ltd),**
Door No.186-2, II Floor,
Jai Sai Enclave, Srinagar Colony,
Omalur Main Road,
Salem - 636 004. -Applicant Bank

Versus

**1) Sasikumar.G,**
Son of Govinda Rajan.V.S,
No.17, 8th Cross, Malappa Layout,
Babusabpalya, Kalyan Nagar,
Bangalore - 560 043.
**2) Amutha.S,** Wife of Sasikumar.G,
No.17, 8th Cross, Malappa Layout,
Babusabpalya, Kalyan Nagar,
Bangalore - 560 043. -Defendants

To :

### THE DEFENDANTS

WHEREAS the Applicant has filed the above Original Application in **O.A.No.31 of 2024** for recovery of money due along with interest and cost before the **Hon'ble Debts Recovery Tribunal, Coimbatore** and it stands posted to **02.08.2024** for your appearance.

If you fail to appear before the Tribunal **on 02.08.2024 at 11.30 AM** either in person or by duly appointed Counsel, an ex-parte order will be passed against you.

**S.Suresh Kumar**
**A.Sakthi Kalyani**
Advocates

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## SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

**ICICI Bank** **Branch Office:** ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

**Whereas**

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

| Sr. No. | Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number | Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession | Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.) | Name of Branch |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Dayananda R J/ Rohini N/ LBBNG00005728140 | All That Piece and Parcel of The Property Bearing Corporation No.14 & 15, Present Bbmp Municipal No.15, Pid No.60-13-15 Situated At 1st Cross Road, 4th Main Road, Byrasandra, Bangalore; Measuring East-West: 47 Ft. And North- South: 25ft., Totally Measuring 1175 Sq.ft.; Together With Building Comprising Ground, First & Second Floor and Bounded on The: East By : Same No. Property I.E., Corporation No.14 & 15 Belonging To My Elder Brother R Nagaraj, Presently Ravikumar N House No. 15/2-3 and 4th A Main Road; West By: 4th Main Road; North By : Northern Portion of Same Property Viz., E-W:47 Ft., N-S: 25 Ft. Given To R J Santhosh; South By: Corporation Property; The Area in Between is East West: 50-0 (Fifty) Feet, North South:25-0 (Twenty Five) Feet, Total Site Measuring 1250 Square Feet and Built in This Measurements Ground Floor, 1st Floor and 2nd Floor R.C.C. Signature of Donation Deed./ Date of Symbolic Possession on/07/05/2024. | 14.02.2024 Rs. 25,00,933.00/- | Bangalore |
| 2. | Adharsha S H/ LBBNG00006023689/ LBBNG00006116436 | Schedule of The Properiy All That Piece and Parcel of Residential Property Bearing Site No. 30,31 & 32, Khatha No. 329/141/280/30,31,32, The Property Comes Under Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Formed Out of Converted Survey No. 01 Converted For Nonagricultural Purpose Vide Official Memorandum No. B. DIS ALN.SR. (NA): 50/88-89, Dated20 07-1991, Issued By Special Deputy Commissioner Bangalore Totally Measuring 4500 Sq. Feet. East By: Sites Bearing No. 32A and 32V West By: Site No. 29 North By: Road South By: Site No. 's 33, 34, 35 Schedule 'B' Property All That Piece and Parcel of Residential Apartment Bearing Flat No. 02, in The First Floor, Situated at Ams Layout, Chikkabettahalli, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore., of The Schedule 'A' Property With Super Built Up Area of 1150 Sq. Feet. Known As 'Ramya Tulip' Comprising of Two Bed Rooms, With The Vitrified Flooring Along With The Car Parking Space For One Car Including Proportionate Share in Common Areas Such As Passages, Lobbies, Staircases Etc. Together With 268.04 Sq. Ft. of Undivided Share, Right, Title and Interest in The Schedule 'A' Property./ Date of Symbolic Possession on/07/05/2024. | 08.12.2023 Rs. 52,07,899.00/- | Bangalore |
| 3. | Sandhya Choudhary/ Rajeev Choudhary/ LBBNG00004840035/ LBBNG00004913553 | Schedule 'A' Property (Description of The Entire Land Area) Item No.1 All That Piece and Parcel of The Converted Land Measuring 1.00 Acre (One Acre) Converted Vide Official Memorandum Bearing No. B.DIS.ALN. (S)SR(K.T)64/2004-2005 Dated 15-7-2004 of The Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, Comprised in Sy. No.101/1, Situated at Valagerehalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Presently Coming Under The Limits of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Kengeri Upavalaya, Vide Katha SL. No.2563, and Bounded on The: East By: Bangalore-Mysore Road West By: Land in Sy. No. 70 North By: Land in Sy.Nos. 101/2A & 101/28 South By: Portion of Land in Sy. No.101/1 Owned By Mr. Sheriff Item No.2 All That Piece and Parcel of The Converted Land Measuring 1 Acre 33 Guntas (One acre and Thirty Three Guntas) Converted Vide Official Memorandum Bearing No. B.DIS.ALN.(S)SR(K.T) 63/2004-2005 Dated 15-7- 2004 of The Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, Comprised in Sy. No. 101/2A, Situated at Valagerehalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Balgalore, Presently Coming Under The Limits of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Kengeri Upavalaya, Vide Katha SL.No. 2563, and Bounded on The: East By : Land in Sy. No. 101/28 West By: Land in Sy. No. 70 North By: Land in SY.No.71 South By : Land in SY.No.101/1 Schedule B Property 364 Sq.ft., of Undivided Share, Right, Title and Interest in The Schedule "A" Property Hereby Conveyed By The Vendors To The Purchasers. Schedule "C" Property Flat No. A-502, Fifth Floor, Block-A, in The "MBR Shangri-LA", Constructed on The Schedule A Property, Having A Super Built-up Area Measuring 1310 Square Feet, (Balcony/ Utility/ Common Area Etc 465 Sq Feet & Carpet Area 845 Sq Feet) Having RCC Roofing, Vitrified Tiles Floors, Sal Wood Doors & Aluminium Windows, and Separate Electricity Connections, Common Water and Sanitation, Including Common Area Rights With One Covered Car Parking Slot and Including All Rights, Privileges, Appurtenances Thereto and Bounded on East By: Set Back West By: Corridor North By: Flat No. A-501 South By: Flat No. A-503/ Date of Symbolic Possession on/07/05/2024. | 11.12.2023 Rs. 47,67,941.00/- | Bangalore |
| 4. | Biju K/ Soniya B/ LBBNG00002924583/ LBBNG00002924585 | Schedule of The Property A) All Hat Piece and Parcel of Land Bearing Converted Survey No.28/1, Measuring 0-16 Guntas, Out of 0-39 Gutnas, Vide Conversion Order No: ALN.SR.(N).219/2003-04 Dated. 17.04.2004, Issued By The Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, Situated at Chikkasandra Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Presently Comes Under The Limits of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No. 12, Bangalore Which is Bounded on:- East By : 25 Feet Road, West By : 20 Feet Road, North By: Property in SY.NO.28/2, South By : Government Road. B) All That Piece and Parcel of Land Bearing Converted Sy. No.28/2 Measuring 1 Acre 0-06 Guntas, Vide Conversion Order No:ALN.SR(N).217/2003-04 Dated. 17.04.2004, Order Issued By The Special Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District, Bangalore, Presently Comes Under The Limits of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No.12, Situated at Chikkasandra Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, Which is Bounded on: East By: Property in Sy. No.28/4, West By : Halla, North By : Property of Chowdappa South By: Property in Sy.No.28/1. Schedule 'B' Property 0.42% Undivided Right, Title and Interest in The Schedule-A Property Mentioned Above Which Would Work Out To 420 Square Feet Approximately of The Schedule-A Property in The Subject Matter of This Agreement. Schedule 'C' Apartment Apartment No.203, on 2nd Floor, Having Super Built Area of 1000 Square Feet in The Building Known As "Mahaveer Desire" Constructed on The Schedule-A Property With The Floors, Ceiling and Walls Between Units Jointly Belonging To Such Apartment Owners Equally Including Common Area With One Covered Car Parking. The Construction is of Ceramic Flooring, Aluminium Windows and Teak Wood and Sal Wood Frames and Doors, Separate Electricity, Common Water Including Common Area Rights and Bounded on:- East By: Apartment Bearing Flat No. 202 West By: Remaining Portion of Same Survey No. Land North By: Corridor South By: Remaining Portion of Same Survey No Land./ Date of Symbolic Possession on/07/05/2024. | 08.12.2023 Rs. 26,56,780.00/- | Bangalore |
| 5. | Sanjay Sahu/ Arun Kumar Sahu/ LBBNG00001722823 | Schedule-'A' (Entire Property in Which The Building in Constructed) All That Piece and Parcel of Municipal Property Bearing No. 1327/974/5/2/6/3, 4, 5, 6 in Ward No. 4 of Chikkabommasandra Sub-Division, Yelahanka Range Bbmp, Bangalore and Earlier Forming Part of Sy. No. 5/2, Sy. Nos. 6/3, 6/4, 6/5 and 6/6 of Mandalakunte Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk Measuring 935037.78 Square Feet (86867.13 Square Meters) [Inclusive of Open Space, Parks and Civic Amenity Areas Relinquished To Bda in an Extent of 233751 Square Foot, (21716 Square Meters)] and Bounded As Follows:- East: Remaining Portion of Survey No. 5/2 and Property Bearing Survey Nos. 6/1 and 6/2 of Mandalakunte and Gkvk Property West : Gkvk Property North : Yeshwanthpura- Yelahanka Road and Then Property Bearing Survey No. 7 South : Village Border Of Chikka Bommasandra Village Schedule-'B' (Property Conveyed Under This Deed) an Undivided 0.077% (Zero Point Zero Seven Seven Percent) Share (Equivalent To 540 Square Feet) In The Land Comprised in The Schedule 'A' Property. Schedule-'C' (Description of The Apartment Constructed Under The Construction Agreement) A Three Bedroom Apartment Bearing No.VH-903 On The Ninth Floor in Block 1, "Leonardo" of The Residential Apartment Complex Known As "Purva Venezia" Constructed on The Schedule "A" Property, Having A Built Up Area of 1353 Square Feet (Which is Inclusive of Balconies and Utility Space) and Proportionate Common Area of 257 Square Feet (Which is Inclusive of The Floors, Ceiling And Walls Between The Apartments And Common Areas Attributable Thereto) Together With A Covered Car Parking Space. The Building is RCC Framed Structure With Vitrified Tile Flooring, Metal Windows and Wooden Doors Connected With Electricity And Water Supply./ Date of Symbolic Possession On/07/05/2024. | 16.01.2024 Rs. 21,89,958.73/- | Bangalore |
| 6. | Bharath M C/ TBBNG00006695635/ TBBNG00006695636 | Schedule "A" of Property All That Piece and Parcel of The Immovable Property Bearing Site Nos. 1, 2,3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, Bbmp Katha Nos. 2/6/1, 2/6/2, 2/6/3, 2/6/4, 2/6/5, 2/6/6 and 2/6/7, Present Clubbed Katha No.323/2/6/1,2,3,4,5,6,7 Situated at Choodenapura Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore and Now Comes Under The Jurisdiction of BBMP Totally Measuring About 18391½ Sq.feet, and Bounded on The East By: Property Belongs To Pillappa; West By: Road; North By: Property Belongs To Jayamma; South By : Road; Schedule "B" 330.264 Sq.ft., Undivided Right, Title and Interest in The Immovable Property Mentioned in Schedule "A" Above. Schedule "C" Flat Bearing No.207, Block-B in The Second Floor, Measuring About 1188 Sq.ft., Super Built Up Area, Containing Three Bed Rooms, Together With RCC Roofing, Vitrified Flooring Together With One Covered Car Parking Space, Including Proportionate Share in Common Areas Such As Passages, Lobbies, Staircase, Etc., in The Multistoried Residential Building Known As "nandini Springfield" Constructed Over Schedule "A" Property./ Date of Symbolic Possession On/07/05/2024. | 24.01.2024 Rs. 46,97,444.00/- | Bangalore |
| 7. | Neeraj Kumar/ Manju Devi/ LBBNG00005969232 | Schedule 'A' Property All That Piece and Parcel of The Immovable Property Bearing Converted Sy No.50/3 (Converted From Agricultural To Non-Agricultural Residential Purpose Vide Conversion Order Bearing No. ALN SR (A)192:95-96, Dated 23.01.1996, Issued By The Assistant Commissioner, Bangalore South, Sub-Division, Bangalore.), Present E Katha No. 150200100100600310, Situated at Sompura Village, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Measuring East To West (94.6 + 82)/2 Feet and North To South (310.6 +299)/2 Feet, Totally Measuring 25,914.412; With All Rights, Appurtenances Whatsoever Hereunder or Underneath or Above The Surface and Bounded on; East By : Private Property; West By : Private Property; North By: Road South By: Private Property; Schedule "B" 435 Sq. Feet Undivided Right, Title and Interest in The Immovable Property Mentioned in Schedule "A" Above. Schedule "C" Flat Bearing No.210, on The Second Floor, Present E-Katha Property No. 150200100100622673, Measuring 1095 Sq. Feet Super Built-up Area, Containing Two Bedroom, Hall, Kitchen, Together With One Covered Car Parking Space, Including Proportionate Share In Common Areas Such As Passages, Lobbies, Staircase, Terrace, Contained in The Multistoried Building To Be Constructed on The Schedule A Property Known As "SNR Magnolia Park" and Bounded on: East By : Corridor and Flat No.202 West By : Private Property. North By : Flat No. 211. South By : Flat No 209./ Date of Symbolic Possession on/07/05/2024. | 11.12.2023 Rs. 35,92,740.00/- | Bangalore |
| 8. | Prabhakar N/ Nirmala T/ LBBNG00005510003/ LBBNG00005966909 | All That Piece and Parcel of The Immovable Vacant Property Bearing Site No. 21 (twenty One), Old V.P. Khatha Nos.1275, 1276 And 1277, V.P. Khatha No. 1363, Present Bbmp SL. No. 354 and 440, Formed Out of Residentially Converted Sy. No.15/5 (Vide Conversion Orders (1) No.B.DIS.ALN.SR.(s) 331/2001-02, Dated 26-04-2002, (2) No.B.DIS.ALN.SR. (S) 332/2001-02, Dated 26-04-2002, and (3) No.B.DIS.ALN.SR. (S) 333/2001-02, Dated 26-04-2002, Issued By The Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District) Situated at Pillaganahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Within The Limits of B.B.M.P. Bangalore and Measuring: East To West: 40'.0" (Forty) Feet, North To South :30'.0" (Thirty) Feet, Totally Measuring: 1200 Square Feet, and Bounded on The:- East By : Road, West By : Site No. 20, North By: Site No. 22, South By: Road,/ Date of Symbolic Possession On/07/05/2024. | 07.12.2023 Rs. 58,56,467.00/- | Bangalore |
| 9. | Uttam Haridas/ S P Haridas/ LBBNG00001961965 | Schedule 'A' Property All That Piece and Parcel of One Acre Twenty Guntas Equivalent To 65340 Sq.ft Which Includes 63,985 Sq.ft of Undivided Share and 1,355 Sq.ft is Private Road in Sy. No.104/1, Situated in Kammanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and Duly Converted For Non-Agricultural Residential Purpose Vide Orders of The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, Bearing No.BDIS.ALN.SR(S) 72/2003-04 Dated 04.07.2003 And No.BDIS.ALN SR(S) 742/2004-05 Dated 23.03.2005 and Bounded on: East By : Property Of Sri. Kempaiah West By : Property of Sri. B. Krishnappa in Sy. No.104/1 North By : Road and Property of Sri. Venkatesh and South By: Nandi Deepa Apartments, There is A Common Passage on The North-East Side Of The Schedule 'A' Property Leading From West -East This Area is A Common Area Meant For Access To 'Santara Magan Place' Phase I And 'Santara Magan Place' Phase II Schedule 'B' Property All The Piece and Parcel Of The Residential Apartment/Flat Bearing Two Bedroom Residential Unit No. Ck-4, 3rd Floor In Crown Block In 'Santara Magan Place' Phase I In The Schedule 'A' Property, With Total Super Built Up Area of 1074 Sq.ft Inclusive of Which 868 Sq.ft Built Up Area And 206 Sq. Ft Common Area Proportionate Share In Common Areas Of Common Use With One Covered Car Parking Area Along With Undivided Share Of 416/63,985th Undivided Share, Right, Title, Interest And Ownership In The Land In Schedule 'a' Property Which Comes To 416 Sq.ft Of Share In The Land In Schedule 'a' Property, Presently Corporation Assigned As No.329/3654/104/1 Ck-4, Situated At Kammanahalli Village, Bangalore, (as Per Khatha Certificate No. Pr/4278/10-11 Dated 17.01.011) And Bounded on: East By : Lobby And Flat No. Cm-4 West By : Driveway And Open Space North By : Flat No. Cl-4 South By : Driveway And Flat No. CJ-4 The Walls Are Built Up Solid Blocks And Cement With Vitrified And Ceramic Flooring With All Civic Amenities./date Of Symbolic Possession On/07/05/2024. | 20.01.2024 Rs. 5,29,487.00/- | Bangalore |
| 10. | Vinay G/ Usha C H/ LBBNG00004646877 | Schedule "A" Property (Description of The Property on Which Apartment is Being Constructed) Item No.1: All That Piece And Parcel Of The Immovable Property Bearing Sy. No.135, Situated At Doddathogur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Measuring 12 Guntas, Out Of Total Extent Measuring 2 Acres 20 Guntas; And Bounded On: East By : Remaining Portion Of Land In Sy. No.45 West By : Road North By : Remaining Portion Of Land In Sy. No.135 South By : Remaining Portion Of Land In Sy. No.135 Item No.2: All That Piece And Parcel Of The Immovable Property Bearing Sy. No.135, Situated At Doddathogur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Measuring 17 Guntas, Out Of Total Extent Measuring 2 Acres 20 Guntas; And Bounded On: East By : Land In Sy. No.44 & 45 In Chikkathogur Village West By : Road North By : Road South By : Remaining Portion of Land In Sy No.135 Owned By First Party Item No.3: All That Piece And Parcel Of The Immovable Property Bearing Sy. No.135, Situated At Doddathogur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Measuring 05 Guntas, Out Of Total Extent Measuring 2 Acres 20 Guntas; and Bounded On: East By : Road West By : Road North By : Portion Of Sy. No.135 Belonging To Siddagangamma South By : Property Of Narayanappa Schedule "B" Property (Description of Undivided Share Of Land Agreed To Be Conveyed) 679 Sq. Ft. Of Undivided Share, Rights, Title And Interest In The Schedule "A" Property, Which is The Corresponding Undivided Share Of Land And Common Areas, In Respect Of Schedule "c" Apartment Unit. Schedule "C" Property (Description of The Apartment Unit Agreed To Be Conveyed) All That Piece And Parcel Of Immovable Property Comprising One Apartment Unit, IE, Flat No.G-04, Situated In Ground Floor, Measuring A Super Built-up Area Of 1580 Sq. Ft. (Which Is Also Inclusive if Balconies And A Proportionate Share In The Common Areas), With Two Covered Parking Space In The Basement Floor, in The Residential Apartment Building Known As "Astoria Park" Constructed On The Schedule-a Property (as Per Plan Attached Hereto);/date Of Symbolic Possession on/07/05/2024. | 16.01.2024 Rs. 71,01,182.00/- | Bangalore |

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

**Date: May 10, 2024**
**Place: Bangalore/ Tumkur**

**Authorized Officer**
**ICICI Bank Limited**

## IN THE COURT OF THE V ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, BENGALURU, AT BENGALURU (CCH-13)

### P & SC 640 OF 2023

**BETWEEN: 1. Rajani Venkatesh Kikeri** wife of Venkatesh Lakshminarayan Kikeri, Daughter of Late S.R.Nanjundan, Aged About 74 Years, Resident of 1701, Bangston, Rodas Enclave, Hiranandani Estate, Thane West – 400607.
Represented by her power of attorney holder Gayathri Mohan wife of B.C. Mohan, Aged About 65 Years, Residing at No.E-10, 1st Main, 2nd 'A' Cross, Manyata Residency, Nagavara, Bengaluru-560045. ...**Petitioner No.1**
**2. Sujani Murthy** wife of V. Vishwanath Murthy, daughter of Late S.R.Nanjundan, Aged About 72 Years, Resident of No.64, Amherstway, Princeton Junction, New Jersey 08550, United States of America
Represented by her power of attorney holder Gayathri Mohan wife of B.C. Mohan, Aged About 65 Years, Residing at No.E-10, 1st Main, 2nd 'A' Cross, Manyata Residency, Nagavara, Bengaluru-560045. ...**Petitioner No.2**
**3. Gayathri Mohan** wife of B.C. Mohan, daughter of Late S.R. Nanjundan, Aged About 65 Years, Residing at No.E-10, 1st Main, 2nd 'A' Cross, Manyata Residency, Nagavara, Bengaluru-560045.. ...**Petitioner No.3**

**:AND :**

Nil ...**Respondent**

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the above named Petitioners have made a petition to this Court under Section 372 of The Indian Succession Act, 1925, praying for issue of succession certificate in respect of Shares and Securities as mentioned in Schedule 'A' and Schedule 'B', so left behind by late S.R. Nanjundan and Smt. Rathna Nanjundan, the parents of the Petitioners, who passed away on 05.03.2000 and 27.12.2006 respectively at Bangalore.

Interested parties are hereby warned to appear in this court in person or by a pleader duly instructed on **01.07.2024 at 11:00 a.m.**, in the forenoon to show cause against the petition, failing wherein the matter will be heard and determined ex-parte.

**SCHEDULE 'A' SHARES HELD: BY S.R. NANJUNDAN**

1. 500 Equity shares held in State Bank of India bearing distinctive numbers 7370819631 to 7370820130 under Share Certificate No.6559 and Folio No.SB01066910.
2. 990 Equity shares held in United Breweries Limited bearing distinctive numbers 8428851 to 8429840 under Share Certificate No.118384 and Folio No.UB077666.

**SCHEDULE 'B' SHARES HELD: BY SMT. RATHNA NANJUNDAN**

1. 990 Equity shares held in United Breweries Limited bearing distinctive numbers 8429841 to 8430830 under Share Certificate No.118385 and Folio No.UB077883.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Hon'ble Court this the 4th day of May 2024.

**Sd/- M/s. Justlaw**
Advocates, No.24, 2nd Floor, Keshava Nivas,
Kalidasa Road, Gandhinagar, Bangalore-560009.

**By Order of the Court**
**Sd/- Senior Sheristedar**
City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

## RAIL COACH FACTORY KAPURTHALA

### E-TENDER NOTICE

On-line bids are invited by PCMM, RCF on behalf of President of India for the following item(s):-

| Sr.No. | Tender No. & Due Date | Description | Qty. (Nos/Sets) | EMD(₹) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 05241279/18.06.2024 | Roof Arch | 22253 Nos. | 535150/- |
| 2. | 05241182/04.06.2024 | Set of Carline LHB GS Coach | 283 Sets | 536510/- |
| 3. | 05241249/12.06.2024 | Set of Door Cut Out Complete | 124 Sets | 82670/- |
| 4. | 05241250/05.06.2024 | Set of Door Cut Out | 779 Sets | 1064460/- |
| 5. | 05241261/25.06.2024 | AAR 'H' Type Tight Lock CBC Coupler | 188 Sets | 1059450/- |
| 6. | 05241318/28.06.2024 | Partition Frame Set of SLRD | 39 Sets | 158830/- |
| 7. | 01241101/20.06.2024 | Air Spring 140 KN For GS LHB Coaches | 62 Sets | 756270/- |
| 8. | 01241172/11.06.2024 | Failure Indication Cum Brake Application Device | 1851 Set | 2000000/- |
| 9. | 04241015/10.06.2024 | PIPE six items of different sizes 10666 Metre, 7844 Metre, 39950 Metre, 47112 Meter, 46545 Metre | 72533 Metre, | 1694680/- |
| 10. | 01241165/08.07.2024 | Fixation Ball Joint | 16706 Nos. | 68600/- |
| 11. | 07241193/18.06.2024 | Composite Pipe (PE-AL-PE) Size 3240 in Roll of 50 Meters Length. | 25300 Mtr. | 98520/- |

**1.** For details and making On-line bids, visit Website **http://ireps.gov.in** Drawings/specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF Website **http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in. Class IIIb digital signature certificate required for on-line bidding, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at website http://www.cce.gov.in. 2.** All Limited tenders and Advertised tenders will normally close at 11:25 Hrs and 14:25 Hrs respectively on the stipulated date and will be opened at 11.30 Hrs and 14.30 Hrs. **3.** All Tenders will be opened at Tilak Bridge, New Delhi-110002. **4.** For queries contact IREPS Helpdesk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF Helpdesk at 011-23378658. **NOTE:** "GST No. of RCF is 03AAAGM0289C1ZT. All the suppliers are advised to quote this in dispatch documents for the supplies made by them". **Dy. CMM**

**CORRIGENDUM: (1)** Tender No. 17241088 for procurement of SET OF PILLAR ASSEMBLY FOR AC3TIER (EOG) LHB COACHES **due date may be read as 28.05.2024** instead of 08.05.2024. **(2)** Tender No. 17231475A for Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Automatic Smoke/Fire Detection with Alarm System on Retro Fitment basis in existing 3 Phase EMU/MEMU rakes over Indian Railways **due date may be read as 14.05.2024** instead of 07.05.2024. **(3)** Tender No. 17231585 for procurement of Supply and Apply of Set of Roller Blind Arrgt. For LHB First AC Coaches **due date may be read as 13.05.2024** instead of 07.05.2024. **Dy. CMM**

**R.O. No. 19-S/2024-25** **Dated: 10.05.2024**

## यूनियन बैंक Union Bank of India

**M. G. ROAD BRANCH**
**No.114, Sai Complex, M. G. Road, Bengaluru - 560001.**
**Contact No : (080) 25587749, 8355803412**
**E-Mail: ubin0903418@unionbankofindia.bank**

### NOTICE TO THE BORROWER INFORMING ABOUT SALE ( 30 DAYS NOTICE ) RULE 6 (2)/8 (6) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002

To, Date: 07.05.2024

**1) Mr. B. S. Kariappa** S/o. Mr. Baliyada Somappa, No. 15, 60 Feet Road, 3rd Cross, R M V 2nd Stage, 2nd Block, Dollars Colony, Bengaluru-560 016. **Also having address at :** No. 17, 2nd Cross, Judicial Officers Layout, RMV 2nd Stage, Near ISRO, Sanjay Nagar, Bengaluru-560 074. **Also having address at :** Flat No. 103, Ground Floor, The Tropical Platinum Apartment, 2nd Cross, Srinivasa Garden, Patelappa Layout, Nagashettihalli Village, Bengaluru-560 094.
**2) M/s. R. K. Bar and Restaurant, Proprietor : Mr. B. S. Kariappa,** Survey No. 17/C, Block No. 16, Tourist Lodge Complex, Mangalore Road, Madikeri-571 201.
**3) Mrs. B. K . Yashoda** W/o. Mr. B. S. Kariappa, **Both are residing at :** No. 15, 60 Feet Road, 3rd Cross, R M V 2nd Stage, 2nd Block, Dollars Colony, Bengaluru-560 016. **Also having address at :** No. 17, 2nd Cross, Judicial Officers Layout, RMV 2nd Stage, Near ISRO, Sanjay Nagar, Bengaluru-560 074. **Also having address at :** Flat No. 103, Ground Floor, The Tropical Platinum Apartment, 2nd Cross, Srinivasa Garden, Patelappa Layout, Nagashettihalli Village, Bengaluru-560 094.

Dear Sir/Madam,
**Subject :–** Sale of properties belonging to Mr. B. S. Kariappa and Mrs. B. K. Yashoda for realization of amount due to Bank under the SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Union Bank of India, M. G. Road Branch, No. 114, Sai Complex, M. G. Road, Bengaluru - 560 001, the secured creditor, caused a demand notice dated 30.12.2023 under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, calling upon you to pay the dues within the time stipulated therein. Since you failed to comply the said notice within the period stipulated, the Authorised Officer, has taken possession of the immovable secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on 01.03.2024.

Even after taking possession of the secured asset, you have not paid the amount due to bank. As such, it has become necessary to sell the below mentioned properties by holding public e-auction after 30 days from the date of receipt of this notice through online mode. The date and time of e-auction along with the Reserve Price of the property and the details of the service provider, in which the e-auction to be conducted, shall be informed to you separately.

Therefore, if you pay the amount due to the bank along with subsequent interest, costs, charges and expenses incurred by bank before the date of publication of sale notice, no further action shall be taken for sale of the property and you can redeem your property as stipulated in sec. 13 (8) of the Act.

**SCHEDULE OF PROPERTIES : Property No. 1 : Schedule 'A' Property :** All that piece and parcel of residential Site bearing No.07, situated at 2nd Cross, (Srinivasa Garden), Patelappa Layout, Nagashettihalli Village, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, having PID NO. 100-653-7, Ward No.100 (Radha Krishna Ward) and **bounded on the : East by :** Road, **West by :** Property bearing Nos. 16 and 17, **North by :** Property bearing Nos. 09, **South by :** NTI Layout (Now it is Reheja Pebble Bay Apartments) **Measurement :** East to West : 60 feet, North to South : On the Eastern side 80 Feet and on the Western Side of 90 Feet, in all measuring 5100 Square Feet.

**Schedule 'B' Property :** Measuring 360 Sq. Ft., (approx.) undivided share , right, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' Property.

**Schedule 'C' Property :** Three Bedroom Apartment bearing No.103, Municipal Khata No. 7/2, having PID No. 100-653-7/2, on the Ground Floor (First Level), having super built-up area of 1470 Sq. Ft., and one top covered car parking space in the stilt floor numbered as 103 near GENSET measuring 250 Square Feet, constructed on the Schedule A Property, 600 Square Feet of exclusive garden area, the building known as "THE TROPICAL KRISHNA PLATINUM HIGH". **Owner of Property : Mr. B. S. Kariappa and Mrs. B. K. Yashoda.**

**Property No. 2 :** All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing New Municipal No.14 ( Old No.451 ) PID No. 100-217-14, situated at 60 feet road, Geddalahalli Bangalore, Ward No. 100, BBMP Ward No. 19 ( earlier being western portion of property No. 60, Khata No.451, Assessment No.11 of Geddalahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk) Measuring East to West : On Northern Side 42 Feet, on Southern Side 18 feet and North to South : On Eastern Side 39 feet On Western Side 54 feet, totally measuring 1395 Sq. Ft. together with 600 Sq. Ft. of residential house constructed thereon and **bounded as follows: East by :** Property belongs to A. Muniramaiah, **West by :** Property of Sri. Ramamurthy, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Property belongs to Smt. Leelavathi. **Owner of Property : Mr. B. S. Kariappa.**

**Date : 07.05.2024**
**Place : Bangalore**

**Sd/- Authorised Officer**
**Union Bank of India**

## PUBLIC NOTICE
### (LOSS OF DOCUMENT)

My client Mr. **A. ROSHAN**, Aged Major, S/o.Mr.Ameer Jan, Presently Residing at # 4, Khushal Nagar, Kadugondanahalli, Bangalore-560 045, who was the custodian of the Original Notarised GPA dated:29-11-2006 which is a link document in respect of aforesaid property and the same has been lost and misplaced by my client while shifting the residence.

That the finder if any may please contact the undersigned who will be suitably rewarded for the same.

**ABDUL LATEEF KHAN**
M.A.,LL.B., **Advocate,**
No.16, 12th Cross, B.S.A. Road,
1st Stage, Pillanna Garden, B'lore-84.
M : 9845110533
Place : Bangalore Date : 10-05-2024

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are hereby informed that, **my client Mujamil Sharief, son of Mahamood Sharief.** Aged about 42 years, residing at No.19/D, 4th Cross, Umarabagh Layout, J.P.nagar Post, Bangalore-560078, is the Agreement Holder and the General Power of Attorney Holder of **(1) Smt.Sarvarunissa,** D/o late K.I. Mohammed Dastagir, aged about 60 years **(2) Mohammed Azmal Hussain,** S/o late K.I.Mohammed Dastagir, aged about 31 years **(3) Mohammed Afzal Hussain,** S/o late K.I.Mohammed Dastagir, aged about 30 years **(4) Mohammed Ashwak Hussain,** S/o late K.I.Mohammed Dastagir, aged about 28 years, all residing at No.505, 4th Floor, Malnad Siri Apartment, Avalahalli, Anjanapura Post, Bangalore-560 062.

It is learnt that, some persons who are disgruntled with the Power of Attorney Holder are making efforts to encroach the schedule property and create some fraudulent documents. In view of the fact that the Power of Attorney Holder i.e. my client who is in possession and having valid document has only got right, title and interest in respect of the schedule property is informing the General Public accordingly. Person's objecting for the possession and enjoyment of the schedule property by my client may lodge their objections in writing with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence for such claim **within 10 days** from the date of this notice. Person's having filed any case/s in respect of the schedule property are also informed to lodge their objections with documentary proof in writing **within 10 days** from the date of this publication. Any objections received thereafter will not be binding on my client.

**SCHEDULE**

All that piece and parcel of property House List No.147/5, Katha No.145:2, Jaraganahalli Grama sub No.67/1, Panchayath Ward No.180 (Banashankari Temple), BBMP Ward No.180, Umarbagh Layout, Sarakki Gate, J.P.Nagar, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore-560078, comprising of 2 square RCC sheet roofed house measuring 100 x 80 feet, bounded on: **East by :** Vacant site and Road, **West by :** Remaining portion of H.L.No.147/5, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Road.

**D.H.MOKHASHI & ASSOCIATES, Advocate**
No.831, 'Jaya Shanthi Nele',
2nd Floor, 1st E Main Road,
Girinagar 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560 085.
Ph : 26720175, Mobile : 98454-98591

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client intends to purchase the property situated at Old No.18, New No.35, 5th Street, Padmanabha Nagar, Adyar, Chennai - 600 020, bearing Plot No.38, in Sri Padmanabha Nagar II Stage, Layout No.230 of 1971, sanctioned by the Corporation of Madras, originally comprised in R.S.Nos.57/1, 74 and 75, then T.S.Nos.13 and 14, currently comprised in T.S.No.13/184, Block No.21 of Urur Village, Velachery Taluk, (formerly Mylapore - Triplicane Taluk), Chennai District, measuring an extent of 1 Ground and 22 sq.ft. (2422 sq.ft.) or thereabouts, together with the building existing thereon, from its current owner, Mr.P. Srinivasan also known as Srinivasan Parthasarathy, son of Late Parthasarathy, who had purchased the above mentioned property from the Legal Heirs of one Late V.Seetharaman (Brother of Late V.Subbaramier).

Any person/institution having any claim or charge over the aforementioned property can lodge their claim or objection if any together with documentary proof to the undersigned within "TEN DAYS" from the date of this notice, failing which, it would be deemed that there is no claim, charge or encumbrance whatsoever on the above-mentioned property and further our client can proceed to purchase the above mentioned property and any subsequent claim or objection shall be deemed to have been waived.

**V. SESHADRI & COMPANY**
**ADVOCATES**
T-58B, New No.29, 32ND Cross Street
Besant Nagar, Chennai - 600 090
TEL. Nos.24914001/24914002
Email: advocateseshadri@gmail.com
**10/05/2024**

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THEODORE ROOSEVELT

## NOTICE
### REQUIREMENT OF VENDORS FOR RUNNING VARIOUS SHOPS IN HQTC (U), AF CAMPUS

Commanding Officer Head Quarter Training Command (Unit) Air Force invites applications from interested vendors/persons for running the following SI Shops in HQ TC (U), IAF campus. Preference will be given to Ex-Servicemen, dependents, war widows then civilians who are experienced in running shops in Defence area.

(a) Cable TV Services (Contract period from 01 Jun 24 to 31 May 25)
(b) RO Water Plant (Contract period from 01 Aug 24 to 31 Jul 25)
(c) Unit Cafeteria (Contract period from 01 Aug 24 to 31 Jul 25)

Tender forms may be collected from Unit Admin (Service Institute Section) by paying Rs 200/- (Non-Refundable) from 0900 hrs to 1400 hrs from **09 May 24 to 15 May 24.** Tender forms duly filled are to be dropped in the tender box, kept at Main Guard Room HQTC, IAF latest by 1100 hrs on **21 May 24.** For further details, please contact Service Institute Office. Tele: 23411081, Extn: 7626, Ph: 8685000403.

## CAN FIN HOMES LTD.

Can Fin Homes Ltd (Sponsor: CANARA BANK) HOME LOANS + DEPOSITS Translating Dreams into Reality
CIN : L85110KA1987PLC008699

148/E, Sri Siddalingeshwara Towers, 17th Main,
East of Chord Road, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-40.
Phone : 080-23404965/23359162/7625079459
E-Mail – vijayanagar@canfinhomes.com

### DEMAND NOTICE

**Under Section 13 (2) of "The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (No. 54 of 2002)"**

To,

**1. Mr. N. Seetharamaiah (Borrower),** S/o. Late K C Narashimaiah, **2. Late N Jayalakshmi (Co-Borrower),** W/o N Seetharamaiah, (Represented by all of their legal Heirs), **3. Mr. S Naveen(Co-Borrower),** S/o. N. Seetharamaiah, **4. Mr. S. Vinay (Co-Borrower),** S/o. N. Seetharamaiah, **All residing at : No.** 1765, 2nd Main, 7th Cross, Geddalahalli, R M V 2nd Stage, Bengaluru - 560 094. **5. Mrs. C S Bharathi (Guarantor),** W/o. P. S. Venugopal, No. 11, Nandavanan, G. Street, Jogupalya, Ulsoor, Bengaluru - 560 008. **6. Mr. Kiran S (Guarantor),** S/o. N. Seetharamaiah, No. 1765, 2nd Main, 7th Cross, Geddalahalli, R M V 2nd Stage, Bengaluru - 560 094. And all Legal Heirs.

No.1 to 4 have availed a housing loan from our branch against the security of mortgage of the following asset belonging to No. 1. An amount of **Rs. 14,12,822/-** (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Two only) is due from you, to Can Fin Homes Ltd. as on 02-05-2024 together with future interest at the contracted rate.

**DETAILS OF THE MORTGAGED ASSETS**

**Item No. 1 :** All that piece and parcel of property bearing Assessment No. 34/2, Khatha No. 40, Property No. 92/A, Gedalahalli Grama, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, and **bounded on : East by :** Sri Thandava Chari's House, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Sri Sriramaiah's House. Measuring East to West: 30 and North to South: 30 Feet, in all totally measuring 900 sq. ft., out of 8400 sq. ft.,

**Item No. 2 :** All that piece and parcel of property bearing Municipal No 40/A (PID No. 18-636-40/A) 7th Cross, Geddalahalli Ward No. 18, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, and **bounded on : East by :** Property of Mahadevappa, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Property of Seetharamaiah, **South by :** Road. Measuring East to West: 30 and North to South: 30 Feet, in all totally measuring 900 sq. ft., BBMP Amalgamated Municipal No. 40, PID No. 100-636-40.

Registered demand notice was sent to you under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002, but the same was returned unserved. The undersigned has, therefore, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known addresses of the said Borrower/s as per the said Act. Hence this paper publication. As you have failed to adhere to the terms of the sanction, the account is classified as a Non Performing Asset on 30-04-2024 as per the NHB Guidelines. You are hereby called upon to pay the above said amount with contracted rate of interest thereon from 02-05-2024 within 60 days from the date of this notice, failing which the undersigned will be constrained to Initiate action under SARFAESI Act to enforce the aforesaid security. Further, the attention of borrowers / guarantors is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to them to redeem the secured assets.

**Date : 10-05-2024** **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
**Place : Bangalore** **Can Fin Homes Ltd.**

FORM NO. 14: [See Regulation 33(2)]
By Regd. A/D, Dasti failing which by Publication.

## OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER -I/II
## DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT-2)

**BSNL Building , 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore - 560001**

### DEMAND NOTICE

**NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.**

**RC/373/2023 IN OA NO. 914/2019**

**KARNATAKA BANK LIMITED --Versus-- SRI VAJRA KUMAR O**

**TO**

**(CH) Karnataka Bank Limited,** Branch At No. 13, Ground Floor JR Plaza, Near Siddaganga High School, Kanakapura Road, Raghuvanahalli, Bangalore-560062, Karnataka **...Certificate Holder**

**-- Vs --**

**(CD1) Sri Vajra Kumar O,** S/o Sri Gopal, No 253/A,1st Main Road, Near Raghavendra Station, Gowdanapalya, Subramanyapura Post Bangalore- 560061, Karnataka

**(CD 2) Smt Pavithra** W/o Sri Vajra Kumar, No 253A, 1st Main Road Near Raghavendra Station, Gowdanapalya, Subramanyapura Post, Bangalore, Karnataka- 560062 **....Certificate Debtors**

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT 2) in **OA/914/2019** an amount of **Rs. 26,12,146 (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs Twelve Thousands One Hundred Forty Six Only)** along with pendentellite and future interest @18.95 % Compound Interest Monthly w.e.f. **03/06/2019** till realization and costs of **Rs. 29,005 (Rupees Twenty Nine Thousands Five Only)** has become due against you jointly and severally. 2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under. 3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing. 4. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:

(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/execution proceedings.

(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this **date: 10/11/2023**

**Sd/- RECOVERY OFFICER**
**DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU (DRT 2)**

**Note:** Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below: **"Rule 16(1)** where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. 2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment". 3. You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 years.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my Client **Sri.N H Bhaskar Reddy**, Son of Sri.Late N.H.P Siva Reddy residing at No.70, 9th main, 1st cross HAL 3rd stage, New Thippasandra Bangalore 560075 is the full and absolute owner by title and in actual possession enjoyment of the property described in the Schedule hereunder. My Client states that the original of the Sale Deed dated 01-03-2005 registered as Document No.5035 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Devanahalli, Bangalore Rural District is either lost in transit or mislaid. Any person/s finding the Original Sale Deed dated 01-03-2005 registered as Document No.5035 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Devanahalli, Bangalore Rural District may deliver the same to the undersigned forthwith. My client has lodged a Complaint with Police on 27/03/2024 regarding loss of title deed in whitefield police station. Other than my Client if any person/s were to deal with the said original Sale Deed dated 01-03-2005 the same will not be binding on my Client and such person/s will not derive any right, title to or interest and such transaction will be void-abinitio.

**SCHEDULE**

All that Property measuring 05 Acres 00 Guntas in land bearing Sy.No.25, situated at Sannammanikere Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk and bounded by:
East : Property of Sri.Ramaiah;
West : Property of Sri.Ramappa
North : Property bearing Sy.No.24; and
South : Property of Sri.Narasimhaiah.

**Sri. K. P. RUPESH KUMAR**
Advocate, **"LAW CORP",**
No.98/2-27, Mohan Towers, Residency Road, Bangalore - 560 001.
Tel : 22230016 Mob: 9886761765.
Bangalore, Dt :10/05/2024.

## केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
सिंडिकेट Syndicate

**SASALU BRANCH (11563), DODDABALLAPUR TALUK, BANGALORE RURAL DIST, Phone No. 0879 2981755, Email- cb11563@canarabank.com**

### Possession Notice [Section 13(4)]

**Whereas:**

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Canara Bank under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice **dated 03.02.2024** calling upon the borrower **Smt PADMA W/O CHANDRASHEKHAR** repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs 2,54,840.90 (Rupees Two Lakhs Fifty Four Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Rupees Ninety Paisa Only)** as on **03.02.2024** and interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this **08th day of May 2024.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Canara Bank Sasalu Branch for an amount of **Rs 2,54,840.90 (Rupees Two Lakhs Fifty Four Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Rupees Ninety Paisa Only)** as on **03.02.2024** and interest thereon.

**S.no.1: Description of property: Immovable:** All that Piece and parcel of the property bearing Residential Site bearing old Khata No. 507/509 and New VP Khata No. 42/32 and E Khata PID No. 150300302101900038, situated at Sulukunte Village, Sasalu Gram Panchayat, Sasalu Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Doddaballapura Town, Bangalore Rural District measuring East to West 3.7 mtrs, North to south 10.2 mtrs and totally measuring about 37.74 sq mtrs and bounded on the **East by :** Property of Lakshmidevamma, **West by :** Property of Geethamma, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Grama Tana.

**Title owner Mrs. Padma**

**Date : 08.05.2024,**
**Place: Sasalu** **Sd/- Authorised Officer**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the General Public that my client, **Smt. Rathnamma W/o. V. Basavaraju** has negotiated for purchase of below mentioned schedule property from its owners **(a) V. Chaluvaraju S/o. Late R. Varadaraju (b) Smt. C.M.Shamanthaka Mani (c) P. Madhan Kumar (d) P. Manoj Kumar (e) D. Gopinath (f) G. Chiranjeevi (g) G. Raghavendra and (h) Smt. R.Geetha,** all are legal heirs of Late Smt. Yashodamma & Late Ramanujaiah and all are R/at No.336/18, 3rd Main, 7th Cross, Lakshmipura, Bengaluru-560019.

Any person/s, banks / financial Sectors / individual / authorities etc., having any claim/s, right, share or interest over the schedule property shall file his/her/their/its objections along with original documents with the undersigned within **15 DAYS** from the date of this publication.

Any objections on and after **15 days,** shall not be entertained and my client shall proceed with the sale transaction presuming that there are no claim/s of anyone whatsoever over the same.

**SCHEDULE**

Property bearing **old BDA No.336/A,** Corporation No. 18, New Municipal No.447, having **PID No.52-113-447, 3rd Main, 7th Cross, Harshavardhana Road, Lakshmipura (Gavipura) Bengaluru,** now comes under the limits of BBMP, Ward No.155 (Hanumanthanagar) measuring East to West: 30-0 feet and North to South: 47-0 feet, totally measuring **1410 Square feet,** consisting of Ground and First Floor building and bounded on:

**East by : Property No.336,**
**West by : Road,**
**North by : Road,**
**South by : Property No.337/A**

**(A.N. Krishna),** Advocate,
# 7, 2nd Floor, B.R. Ramu Building,
Brugual Mutt Cross Road, V.V. Puram, Bengaluru-560004.
Bengaluru Date : 10-05-2024

## केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
सिंडिकेट Syndicate (A Government of India Undertaking)

## Marsur Branch

**Chandapura Anekal Road, Opp. Spurthy College, Anekal Taluk, Marsur Village, Bengaluru-562106. Ph: 8770959675. e-mail: cb10460@canarabank.com**

**(Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties)**

### SALE NOTICE

**AUCTION SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES UNDER THE SECURITISATION & RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO TO RULE 8(6) & 9 OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002**

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and/or Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Marsur Branch of Canara Bank, will be sold on the basis of "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **29.05.2024.** for recovery of below mentioned amount.

**1) Borrower/s: 1. Mrs. Triveni M W/o Ramanjinappa, 2. Mr. Ramanjinappa S/o Gangappa, both are residing at Doddahagade Village, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru-562106. Guarantor: Mr. Ranganath G S/o Govindappa, Village Marsur Anekal Taluka, Bengaluru-562106.** For recovery of Rs.5,01,354.97/- (Rupees Five lakhs One Thousand Three hundred Fifty Four and Paise Ninety Seven Only) as on **06.05.2024** with further interest and charges thereon due to Marsur Branch of Canara Bank.

**E-AUCTION DATE : 29.05.2024**

| Descripiton of the immovable Assest | Reserve Price | EMD Amount | Bid Incremental Value |
|---|---|---|---|
| All the piece and parcel of property standing Site no. 22, Survey no. 53 of Doddahagade Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru-562106 with the extent of site measuring 600 Sq Ft Bounded by: East By: Road, West By: Site No. 27, North By: Site No. 21, South By: Site no. 23 | 6,07,000/- | 60,700/- | 25,000/- |

**2) Borrower/s: Ashok Kumar M S/o. Muniyappa, Soppahalli Village, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru-562106. Guarantor: Puttaswami K T M S/o. Thimmappa, Madura Clothing, ABNL, MARSUR, Bengaluru-562106.** For recovery of Rs. 9,10,211.95/- (Rupees Nine Lakhs Ten Thousands Two Hundred Eleven And Paise Ninety Five Only) as on **06.05.2024** with further interest and charges thereon due to Marsur Branch of Canara Bank.

| Descripiton of the immovable Assest | Reserve Price | EMD Amount | Bid Incremental Value |
|---|---|---|---|
| All the piece and parcel of property standing Plot No 33, Flutus Nest Layout, Sy No 32/1 of Soppahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk,Bengaluru-562106 with the extent of site measuring 1200 Sq Ft bounded by: East By: Site No 31, West By: 30 Feet Road, North By: Site No 34, South By: Site No32 | 14,62,000/- | 1,46,200/- | 25,000/- |

**known encumbrances, if any:** Not to the knowledge of the Bank. The intending bidders shall deposit Earnest Money deposit (EMD) by way of DD favouring Authorised Officer Canara Bank, Marsur Branch, Bangalore or through online (RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer-IFSC Code CNRB0010460) to the credit of the account number 209272434, Canara Bank, Marsur Branch, on or before 28.05.2024 by 4.00 pm. Date & Time of the E-Auction 29.05.2024 from 10.30 A.M. to 11.30 A.M.

For detailed Terms and Conditions of the sale please contact Chief Manager, Canara Bank, Marsur Branch, (DP 10460), Chandapura Anekal Road, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru-562106. Ph: 8770959675. e-mail: cb10460@canarabank.com or the service provider M/s. CANBANK COMPUTER SERVICES LT, Support & Backup Office: Support Team, Contact No. Mobile: 9480691777 during office hours on any working day.

**Date: 10.05.2024, Place: Bangalore** **Sd/- Authorised Officer**

## JM FINANCIAL

**JM Financial Asset Reconstruction Company Limited**
**Corporate identify Number: U67190MH2007PLC74287**
**Registered Office :** 7th Floor, Cnergy, Appasaheb Marathe Marg, Prabhadevi, Mumbai 400025
**Contact Person: 1. Anand Kumar N - 6361652240 2. Vishal Ketele – 9584966653 3. Prashant Monde - 022 - 6224 1676**

### E-Auction Sale Notice – Fresh Sale

That Piramal Capital and Housing Finance Ltd have assigned a pool of Loan (including below mentioned Loans) together with underlying security interest created thereof along with all the rights, title and interest thereon under Section 5 (1) (b) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("SARFAESI ACT") vide an assignment agreement dated March 29, 2023 ("the Assignment Agreement") in favour of JMFARC (JM) (herein referred as Assignee) acting in its capacity as trustee of JMFARC – Aranya – Trust. It is to notify that PCHFL is authorized and appointed to act as Service provider / Collection agent to facilitate all operational and procedures processes vide Assignment / Service Agreement.

Pursuant to taking possession of the secured asset mentioned hereunder by the Authorized Officer of Secured Creditor under the **SARFAESI Act, 2002** for the recovery of amount due from borrower/s, offers are invited by the undersigned for purchase of immovable property, as described hereunder, which is in the physical possession, on **'As Is Where Is Basis', 'As Is What Is Basis' and 'Whatever Is There Is Basis'**, Particulars of which are given below:

| Loan Code / Branch / Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) Guarantor(s) | Demand Notice Date and Amount | Property Address _final | Reserve Price | Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (10% of RP) | Outstanding Amount (07-05-2024) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Loan Code No.: 17100000598, Tumkur (Branch), Vinay Kumar S R (Borrower), Geetha S A (Co Borrower 1) | Dt: 30-04-2021, Rs. 6456559/-, (Rs. Sixty Four lakh Fifty Six Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Nine Only) | All The piece and Parcel of the Property having an extent :- Site No.20, Syndicate Bank Layout, NA 5th 'b'cross,thunga Nagar,herohalli Vi 5th 'b'cross,thunga Nagar,herohalli Vi Yeshwanthpur Hobli Bangalore Karnataka IN 560091 Boundaries As :- North : Site No.21 South : Site No.19East : Private Property West :Road | Rs. 8671000/- ,(Rs. Eighty Six lakh Seventy One Thousand Only) | Rs. 867100/-, (Rs. Eight lakh Sixty Seven Thousand One Hundred Only) | Rs. 10107360/-, (Rs. One Crore One lakh Seven Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Only) |
| Loan Code No.: 21400043132, Bengaluru - Jayanagar -1 (Branch), Rama Krishna Putcha (Borrower), Shobha Venkata Subaiah (Co Borrower 1) | Dt: 29-10-2019, Rs. 2785049/-, (Rs. Twenty Seven lakh Eighty Five Thousand Forty Nine Only) | All The piece and Parcel of the Property having an extent :- Site No 31, Amber Valley Sy No 12/1, NA 17/6 Byaranayakahalli Village Nandi, 17/6 Byaranayakahalli Village Nandi, Hobli, Chikaballapura District Chikkaballapur Karnataka IN 562101 Boundaries As :- North : ROAD South : SITE NO 40East : SITE NO 38 AND 39 West :SITE NO 36 | Rs. 3318000/-, (Rs. Thirty Three lakh Eighteen Thousand Only) | Rs. 331800/-, (Rs. Three lakh Thirty One Thousand Eight Hundred Only) | Rs. 5249193/-, (Rs. Fifty Two lakh Forty Nine Thousand One Hundred Ninety Three Only) |
| Loan Code No.: 11800001767, Hosur (Branch), Mahesh Bhadrannavar (Borrower), Shribanadevi Charki (Co Borrower 1) | Dt: 16-06-2021, Rs. 1904892/-, (Rs. Nineteen lakh Four Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Two Only) | All The piece and Parcel of the Property having an extent :- Sy No 14/1, Site No 6,Near KEB Circle, NA Musandra Village, Kasaba Hobli Musandra Village, Kasaba Hobli Dodballapura Bangalore Rural Karnataka IN 561203 Boundaries As :- North : Site No:5 South : Site No:7East : Pvt Property West :Road | Rs. 1314000/-, (Rs. Thirteen lakh Fourteen Thousand Only) | Rs. 131400/-, (Rs. One lakh Thirty One Thousand Four Hundred Only) | Rs. 2244195/-, (Rs. Twenty Two lakh Forty Four Thousand One Hundred Ninety Five Only) |
| Loan Code No.: 21400044399, Bengaluru - Jayanagar -1 (Branch), Gunashekar Govindaraju (Borrower), Kavitha Krishnan (Co Borrower 1) | Dt: 24-05-2021, Rs. 2242758/-, (Rs. Twenty Two lakh Forty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Eight Only) | All The piece and Parcel of the Property having an extent :- SITE NOS. 12 & 13, Suryodaya Layout Na Marasandra Village, Harohalli Marasandra Village, Harohalli Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk Bangalore Karnataka IN 560053 Boundaries As :- North : Site No. 11 South : Pvt. Propertyeast : Road West :site Nos. 14 & 15 | Rs. 2384000/-, (Rs. Twenty Three lakh Eighty Four Thousand Only) | Rs. 238400/-, (Rs. Two lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Only) | Rs. 3750717/-, (Rs. Thirty Seven lakh Fifty Thousand Seven Hundred Seventeen Only) |
| Loan Code No.: 21400044289, Bengaluru - Jayanagar -1 (Branch), Ganesh V (Borrower), Meenakshi R (Co Borrower 1) | Dt: 24-05-2021, Rs. 1612556/-, (Rs. Sixteen lakh Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Six Only) | All The piece and Parcel of the Property having an extent :- Site No 02 And 03, Khata No 87, NA Katha 48/2v, S-2,10 Division, Veerabadra Katha 48/2v, S-2,10 Division, Veerabadra Doddaballapura, Ashwa Badavane Bangalore Rural Karnataka IN 561203 Boundaries As :- North : Site No:1 South : Site No:4East : Pvt Property West :Road | Rs. 3000000/-, (Rs. Thirty lakh Only) | Rs. 300000/-, (Rs. Three lakh Only) | Rs. 2656886/-, (Rs. Twenty Six lakh Fifty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Six Only) |

**DATE OF E-AUCTION: 19-06-2024, FROM 11.00 A.M. TO 2.00 P.M (WITH UNLIMITED EXTENSION OF 5 MINUTES EACH), LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF BID: 18-06-2024, BEFORE 4.00 P.M.**

For detailed terms and conditions of the Sale, please refer to the link provided in https://www.jmfinancialarc.com/Home/Assetsforsale OR https://www.bankauctions.in.

**STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT TO THE BORROWER/GUARANTOR / MORTGAGOR**

The above mentioned Borrower/Guarantor are hereby noticed to pay the sum as mentioned in section 13(2) notice in full with accrued interest till date before the date of auction, failing which property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost from borrower/guarantor.

**Date : 11.05.2024** **Sd/- (Authorised Officer)**
**Place : Bangalore** **(Aranya - Trust)**

## Can Fin Homes Ltd

Can Fin Homes Ltd (Sponsor: CANARA BANK) HOME LOANS + DEPOSITS
**UTTARAHALLI BRANCH**

No.39,Ground Floor, Subramanyapura Main Road,
Chikkalasandra, Near Kadirenahalli Petrol
Bunk, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore – 500 061
Tel: 080- 26394003,26394009, 7625079142, 9731365542
**e-mail: uttarahalli@canfinhomes.com**
**CIN:L85110KA1987PLC008699**

### DEMAND NOTICE

**Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (SARFAESI Act) read with Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (Rules)**

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., under SARFAESI Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3, issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrowers / guarantors listed hereunder (hereinafter referred to as the "said Borrowers"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the Notice, within 60 days from the date of receipt of Notice, as per details given below.

The said Notices have been returned undelivered by the postal authorities / have not been duly acknowledged by the borrowers. Hence the Company by way of abundant caution is effecting this publication of the demand notice (as per the provisions of Rule 3(1)). The undersigned has, therefore, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known addresses of the said Borrowers, as per the said Act.

As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to the Company by the respective parties as detailed below.

| Sl. No. | Name of Borrowers/ Guarantors with address | Amount claimed as per Demand Notice * | Description of the Secured Asset | Date of NPA |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **1. Smt. Geetha Rajareddy** D/o. Narasimha Reddy, **(Borrower)** Residing at No. 25, Taralu Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore - 560 082. **2. Sri Sumanth Kumar R.,** (Guarantor), S/o Rangegowda, No. 26, Ward No.26, Belmar Layout, Nagasandra, Bangalore North, Bangalore - 560 073. **3. Sri.Narasimha Reddy** S/o. Narasa Reddy (Guarantor), No.25 Taralu Village, Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalore | **Rs.22,25,072/-** (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand Seventy Two Only) **Demand Notice Date- 03/05/2024** | All that Piece and Parcel of Immovable property bearing No 6, Portion of Old V P Katha No.126/133, New V P Katha No.219/133/6, E-Property No.150200301500300219 formed out of Sy No.159/1A, converted for Non-Agricultural Residential purpose vide Official Memorandum bearing No.B.DIS.ALN.SR (S)/235/88-89 Dated 10-04-1989 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, Situated at Taralu Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Measuring East to west 40 feet and North to South 30 feet in all measuring a total extend of 1200 Sq ft and bounded : East by : Private Property, West by:Road, North by: Site bearing No.5, South by: Site bearing No.7 | 30-04-2024 |
| 2 | **1.Sri Neelesh C. H.,** S/o. Sri Erappa , 3rd Block, 53rd Cross, Near Ram Mandir, Rajajinagar, Bangalore - 560 010. **(Borrower) & 2. Sharanappa Huggi (Guarantor),** S/o Yankappa No.138, Ward No.01, Near Sri Dyamammadevi Temple, Yeddoni, Koppal Karnataka-583277 | **Rs.51,64,890/-** (Rupees Fifty One Lakhs Sixty Four Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety Only) **Demand Notice Date- 03/05/2024** | All that piece and parcel of immovable Property bearing Southern portion of Khaneshumari No.400,Granmathana Katha No.234, BBMP No.234/400 Situated at Herohalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore now coming under the limits of Bangalore Mahanagar Palike and measuring East to West 40 feet , North to South 15 feet total measuring 600 Sq Ft, along with residential RCC building constructed there on, measuring 1650 Sq ft and bounded on the East by : Property No.405,West by :Road,North by : Remaining Northern Portion of Property No.400, South by : Property No.401 | 30-04-2024 |

*Payable with further interest at contractual rates as agreed from the date mentioned above till date of payment.*

You are hereby called upon to pay the above said amount with contracted rate of interest thereon within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the undersigned will be constrained to Initiate action under SARFAESI Act to enforce the aforesaidsecurity. Further, the attention of borrowers / guarantors is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available to them to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 10.05.2024 Sd/-
Place : Bangalore **Authorised Officer**
**Can Fin Homes Limited**

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### ई-निविदा सूचना / E-TENDER NOTICE

दिनांक/Dated : 09-05-2024

भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से, निम्नलिखित कार्यों हेतु ई-निविदा द्वारा मद-दर निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं।
On Behalf of the President of India, item-rate tenders are invited through e-tendering for the following works:

| क्र. सं. / Sl. No. | कार्यों के नाम [सिविल कार्य क्र.सं. 01, 02, 03, 04, 05 व 06 : विद्युत कार्य - क्र.सं. 07 व 08] / Name of The Works [Civil Works - Sl.no: 01, 02, 03, 04, 05 & 06 : Electrical Work - Sl.no: 07 & 08] | प्राक्कलित लागत / Estimated Cost ₹(लाखों में) (in Lakhs) | कार्य पूरा होने की अवधि / Period of completion | ईएमडी / EMD(₹) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/सीएमजी/टीडी/ई-03/एमआई/सीपीएच-03/2024-25 | NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-03/MI/CPH-03/2024-25 | | |
| | आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि के सेमी-क्रायो परीक्षण केंद्र मे भू-दृश्य-निर्माण। Landscaping at Semi-Cryo Test control centre at IPRC, Mahendragiri. | 24.00 | 03 (तीन महीने / Three Months) | 48,000 |
| 2 | एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/सीएमजी/टीडी/ई-05/एमआई/सीपीएच-05/2024-25 | NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-05/MI/CPH-05/2024-25 | | |
| | आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि के पीएस4 चरण एकीकरण भवन के उच्च बे क्षेत्र पर हेवी ड्यूटी पी.वी.सी. फर्श प्रदान करना। Providing heavy duty PVC flooring on high bay area of PS4 Stage Integration building at IPRC, Mahendragiri. | 10.13 | 02 (दो महीने / Two Months) | 20,300 |
| 3 | एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/सीएमजी/टीडी/ई-22/एमआई/सीपीएच-10/2024-25 | NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-22/MI/CPH-10/2024-25 | | |
| | आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि में मुख्य भवन व गैलेक्सी हॉल के बीच विकास कार्य । Development works between Main Building & Galaxy Hall at IPRC, Mahendragiri. | 12.11 | 04 (चार महीने / Four Months) | 24,300 |
| 4 | एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/सीएमजी/टीडी/ई-24/एमआई/सीपीएच-11/2024-25 | NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-24/MI/CPH-11/2024-25 | | |
| | आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि में मुख्य भवन और गैलेक्सी हॉल के बीच भू-दृश्य-निर्माण कार्य। Landscaping works between Main Building & Galaxy Hall at IPRC, Mahendragiri. | 17.89 | 03 (तीन महीने / Three Months) | 35,800 |
| 5 | एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/सीएमजी/टीडी/ई-25/एमआई/सीपीएच-12/2024-25 | NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-25/MI/CPH-12/2024-25 | | |
| | आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि के मुख्य भवन में प्रतीक्षालय व रसोई कक्ष और अन्य रुपांतरण कार्यो का निर्माण। Construction of Waiting room & Pantry room and other Modification works at Main Building, IPRC, Mahendragiri. | 19.08 | 06 (छह महीने / Six Months) | 38,200 |
| 6 | एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/सीएमजी/टीडी/ई-34/एमआई/सीपीएच-17/2024-25 | NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-34/MI/CPH-17/2024-25 | | |
| | आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि की विभिन्न सुविधाओं के विश्राम कक्षों का पुनर्सज्जीकरण। Refurbishment of Restrooms at various facilities of IPRC, Mahendragiri. | 23.46 | 06 (छह महीने / Six Months) | 47,000 |
| 7 | एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/सीएमजी/टीडी/ई-52/एमए/ईलई-19/2024-25 | NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-52/MA/ELE-19/2024-25 | | |
| | आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि के ग्रुप ए तथा डी सुविधाओं में एल.टी. अधिष्ठापनों के विद्युत् रख-रखाव कार्य। Electrical Maintenance Works of LT installation in Group 'A & D' Facilities at IPRC, Mahendragiri. | 35.94 | 12 (बारह महीने / Twelve Months) | 71,900 |
| 8 | एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/सीएमजी/टीडी/ई-53/एमए/ईलई-20/2024-25 | NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-53/MA/ELE-20/2024-25 | | |
| | आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि के अनिवार्य स्टाफ/सी.आई.एस.एफ. क्वार्टरों में एल.टी. अधिष्ठापनों के विद्युत् रख-रखाव कार्य। Electrical Maintenance Works of LT Installations in Essential Staff / CISF Quarters at IPRC, Mahendragiri. | 11.57 | 12 (बारह महीने / Twelve Months) | 23,200 |

ऑनलाइन निवेदन करने की तिथि : Dates for Online Request : From **11-05-2024 [10:00 बजे/hours]** से To: **24-05-2024 [18:00 बजे/hours]** तक।

नियत समय व प्रस्तुतीकरण की तिथि : Due Date & Time of Submission : **27-05-2024 [18:00 बजे/hours]** तक।

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Note : All future correspondence (Corrigenda) for the above work(s) shall be published only on the websites mentioned above.

**समूह निदेशक, सीएमजी, आईपीआरसी / GROUP DIRECTOR, CMG, IPRC.**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

BE IT KNOW TO ALL that, my client intend to purchase the properties which is fully described in the schedule given hereunder, from **Smt. SHUBHA K.,** wife of Sri. G. P. Krishnananda, aged about 48 years, residing at No.486, 16th Cross, 5th Main, 6th Sector, HSR Layout, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru - 560 102 and accordingly entered into an Agreement of Sale, dtd: 14.04.2024.

Any person/Govt./Local Bodies/Banks claiming any right, title or interest over the said property may inform the same to my client's counsel stated below, in writing within 15 days from today.

If objections are not received within that date my client will go ahead with the purchase and no further objection will be valid after that.

**SCHEDULE**

**Item No. I :** All that piece and **parcel of the agricultural land bearing Survey No.192/3, measuring to an extent of 1** acre, situated at **Keeranagere Village**, Maralavadi Hobli, harohalli Taluk and Ramanagara District and bounded on:

East by : land in Sy. No.118; West by : land in Sy.No. 192/2; North by : Road and land in Sy. No.202; South by : remaining property of Vendor.

Together with all easement rights, water courses and right of access, etc.,

**Item No. II :** All that piece and **parcel of the agricultural lands bearing Survey No.187/2, measuring to an extent of 0.26.04** guntas, situated at **Keeranagere Village**, Maralavadi Hobli, Harohalli Taluk and Ramanagara District and bounded on:

East by : land belongs to Kallegowda; West by : land belongs to Nanjappa; North by : land belongs to Mariyappa; South by : land belongs to Chandrashekar Raju.

Together with all easement rights, water courses and right of access, etc.,

**Item No. III & IV :** All that piece and **parcel of the agricultural lands bearing Survey No.187/3, measuring to an extent of 0.27.04** guntas and **Survey No.187/4, measuring to an extent of 0.26.04** guntas, in total 1 Acre 13.08 guntas, both situated at **Keeranagere Village**, Maralavadi Hobli, harohalli Taluk and Ramanagara District and bounded on:

East by : land belongs to Kallegowda; West by : land belongs to Nanjappa & Chandrashekar Raju; North by : Vendors Property; South by : land belongs to Bhaskar Raju in Sy. No.192.

Together with all easement rights, water courses and right of access, etc.

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BENJAMIN DISRAELI

# EDITORIAL

"In the present era of devalued dreams and mocked hopes, we need to confront immoral power with moral power" — Elizabeth Martinez

INDIAN EXPRESS IS NOT AN INDUSTRY. IT IS A MISSION.
— Ramnath Goenka

## KEEP AN EYE ON DEBT AMID SLOWING HOUSEHOLD SAVINGS

THE net financial savings of Indian households hit a five-year low of ₹14.2 lakh crore in 2022-23 from ₹17.1 lakh crore in 2021-22, says the latest official data. This was the third year in a row that the segment saw a decline. According to early estimates, it's likely that 2023-24, too, followed the trend. House savings peaked in 2020-21 at ₹23.3 lakh crore, but have been going south since. Broadly, the metric includes financial savings (currency, bank deposits, mutual funds, insurance, equities), savings in physical assets (houses, cars) and savings in the form of gold and silver. As Chief Economic Advisor V Anantha Nageswaran reasoned, a dip in financial savings does not necessarily imply a slowdown in gross savings, but reflects a shift in the savings portfolio from conventional products like deposits to physical assets like real estate.

It's true physical assets rose in 2022-23, but the growth largely came via borrowings. As a result, household financial liabilities shot up to ₹15.6 lakh crore—the highest since 2011-12. Liabilities include housing, auto, personal and other loans. Disbursements to households by financial companies in 2022-23 saw a massive 73 percent growth to touch ₹3.33 lakh crore. RBI data showed despite steep rise in liabilities, they remained at only 5.8 percent of GDP during 2022-23. But worried over the surge in personal loans, in November 2023 the RBI raised provisioning requirement for unsecured loans, including personal loans. Analysts expect the banking regulator's tightening measures to slow personal loan outgoes in the coming years.

Household savings account for over 60 percent of total domestic savings and finance about 40 percent of domestic investment. Therefore, a steady decline stretching beyond three years should deepen the government's worries. Post-pandemic, private consumption growth has been much slower than the GDP growth rate. Lower consumption can translate to higher savings, like it did during the pandemic year of 2021; but that is not happening. The government is taking comfort in the fact that the decline in household financial savings is not accompanied by a reduction in banking assets and credit, which could lead to adverse financial market conditions. That said, the authorities must monitor financial flows and intervene from time to time to ensure that household debt remains under control, while rising unsecured loans do not intensify into a credit market crisis.

## REDRESS STAFF PLAINTS, AVOID FLIGHT DISORDER

INDIAN aviation witnessed serious disruptions this week when budget carrier Air India Express cancelled over 170 flights over three days. The cancellations, which followed a large section of its employees going on sick leave *en masse*, left thousands of passengers stranded and airfares soaring. The crisis has been resolved for now, with the crew returning to duty after the airline agreed to look into their concerns and withdrew the termination letters issued to 25 striking employees. But the harrowing experience of fliers, many of whom had their flights cancelled at the last minute, cannot be overlooked.

While the episode demonstrated how professionalism—an essential in the services sector—is in short supply among the aviation workforce, the Tata Group-owned airline, which operates around 380 daily flights, cannot walk away from the responsibility as it knew about the brewing trouble. The Air India Express Employees Union had written to the top group management in April, seeking redress of their grievances that included "mismanagement", reduction in payments due to new HR policies, and lack of equality in employee treatment. In April first week, another Tata Group airline Vistara had to cancel over 150 flights and delay others after pilots went on mass sick leave over salary disputes. Some trouble is expected as the Tata Group is restructuring its airline business—merging Vistara with Air India to create a bigger full-service carrier, and AIX Connect, formerly AirAsia India, with Air India Express to form a bigger budget carrier. The mergers have been met with resistance from employees who are apprehensive of possible salary cuts and changes in working conditions.

While these disruptions obviously point to the challenges involved in mergers of such a scale, the group must ensure the least disruption in services in the interest of protecting its renowned credibility. It can take lessons from the 2007 merger of Air India and Indian Airlines, where the HR issues took years to resolve. Bringing about pay parity and integrating people from different organisational cultures are not easy to achieve, but staff resentment needs to be dealt with cautiously and quickly. Authorities, including the aviation ministry, must intervene to avoid major disruptions in flight services and ensure that the affected passengers are adequately compensated.

**QUICK TAKE**

### LEND THEM YOUR EARS

AMONG the many digital products the pandemic tsunami held aloft were audiobooks. People tuned in to hear inspirational or sensational texts read aloud while they pottered around home doing chores. And like most lockdown legacies, the craze ebbed. India, though considered a prime market, barely caught on. The lack of well-voiced Indian-language books was rightly called a major deficiency. But there is another market the bookwallahs seem to be ignoring. Research shows that audiobooks can help neurodivergent children with comprehension and adults with insomnia. Why not go to sleep listening to one of the top-selling audiobooks in India—*A Book of Simple Living* by Ruskin Bond?

In different epochs, leaders have created cultish followings with the help of state apparatus and sycophants. As the Emergency showed, democracies are not immune to such upheavals

## WHAT HISTORY TEACHES US ABOUT PERSONALITY CULTS

K M CHANDRASEKHAR

Former Cabinet Secretary and author of *As Good as My Word: A Memoir*

SOURAV ROY

ON February 25, 1956, Nikita Khrushchev, first secretary of the Soviet Communist Party and chairman of the council of ministers, delivered his famous "secret speech" to the 20th Congress of the party. For the previous few decades, the Soviet Union had been dominated by one man, Josef Stalin. Starting as a humble adherent of Marxist-Leninist principles and a devoted follower of Lenin, Stalin gradually established a regime of acute repression while at the same time establishing a cult of personality all of his own.

He assured his omnipresence in many different ways. Factories, mines, cities, schools, sanatoriums, and various awards bore his name. Millions of his portraits and statues were set up in public spaces nationwide. Fine arts, sculpture, literature, poetry, music and films of that period displayed adoration for Stalin, later called Staliniana. The state-controlled media endlessly churned out the image of Stalin as the undisputed, much-loved leader of the Soviet Union. Individual and collective letters of gratitude from workers poured in in millions.

As he grew in power and used it mercilessly, flattery and worship of the leader became the order of the day. Lavrentiy Beria, chief of the Soviet secret police, published a book dedicated to Stalin with the words: "To my dear, adored master, to the Great Stalin." Another of Stalin's close associates, Lazar Kaganovich, toasted Stalin as the 'steel founder of our socialist construction' who had led the 'socialist furnace without accidents and slow-downs' and 'smelted steel of a higher and unprecedented category'. It was mandatory from 1935 onwards to speak of Stalin only in the most glowing terms; sycophantic speeches were given even by his opponents. Referring to Stalin as 'the great leader', 'father of the people', 'the wise helmsman', 'the genius of our epoch' and 'the titan of the world revolution' became common.

Over time, the cult developed overtones of religious ritualism. Stalin appeared in pictures and statues in poses reminiscent of Christ and Christian saints. At home, people turned his picture the other way when they wanted to speak freely to one another. His 'spiritual' dominance was everywhere, not least in the vast organised events where masses gathered together to catch a glimpse of the supreme leader and pay obeisance to him. By the 1930s, icons associating Stalin with Christ were standard in public life. People would similarly pray and cross themselves before Stalin's picture.

Such utter subservience has not been confined to Stalin. In the 1980s, Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceausescu was called the giant of the Carpathians, the source of our light, the treasure of wisdom and charisma, the great architect, the celestial body and the new morning star by public figures. In Zaire in 1975, Mobutu Sese Seko was hailed as a new prophet and messiah. Franco's sycophants compared him to Julius Caesar, Charlemagne, Napoleon, El Cid, Charles V and most of the kings of the Golden Age of Spain, calling him a military genius, the sun and the father of peace. In Syria in the 1990s, President Hafiz al-Assad was praised as the country's premier pharmacist, as well as the country's premier teacher, doctor and lawyer, among other things.

Indeed, a personality cult can be developed in any country by any leader with a combination of massive self-projection, praise from self-serving sycophants and repression by the instruments of governance—in short, a cocktail of fear and intense publicity. Under such circumstances, lies can become truths and citizens, deluded by the fantasy created by the dictator and his lieutenants, and the overwhelming fear created by his guards and bureaucrats, can sing the same tune.

Speaking about Stalin, psychologist Kurt Lewin said the leader's cult was "not just a ruling device" but "generated by the psyche of a man whose vanity was unsatiable [sic]", the outcome of a "deep-seated psychological urge". Erich Fromm wrote of Stalin as a mental and physical sadist who wanted to have "absolute and unrestricted control" over human beings and desired to become a god over others.

This is precisely what Khrushchev said in his secret speech. He talked of how "the practice of mass repression through the government apparatus was born, first against the enemies of Leninism—Trotskyites, Zinovievites, Bukharinites, long since politically defeated by the party—and subsequently also against many honest Communists, against those party cadres who had borne the heavy load of the Civil War and the first and most difficult years of industrialisation and collectivisation, who had fought actively against the Trotskyites and the rightists for the Leninist party line"

He said, "Stalin, on the other hand, used extreme methods and mass repressions at a time when the Revolution was already victorious, when the Soviet state was strengthened, when the exploiting classes were already liquidated, and socialist relations were rooted solidly in all phases of the national economy when our Party was politically consolidated and had strengthened itself both numerically and ideologically." He reminded the party that Lenin had warned the Soviet Congress of Stalin's instability. Khrushchev's words were received with warm applause, and the Soviet Union turned back to the ways of Lenin.

Democracy is not a sufficient bulwark against the emergence of leaders with dictatorial tendencies. We have seen during the Emergency how the instruments of democracy could be warped and twisted. Democracy lives on the fairness and neutrality of institutions. The same formula for the aggrandisement of authority can also be used in democracies. If the leader chooses to magnify his image at the cost of the exchequer and with the help of a few sycophants around him, if he captures institutions and bends them to his will, if he uses his regulatory and investigative agencies to crush those opposed to him, if he creates discord within society to consolidate his power, a democratic country too can be ruled autocratically. A great deal depends on the leader's choices.

In the words of Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, "When the state acquires all powers, both political and economic, the result is a decline of *dharma*."

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## FROM CAMPUS TO CAPITOL: PROTESTS ROCK U.S. POLITICS

PRATIK KANJILAL

For years, the author has been speaking easy to a surprisingly tolerant public

SPEAKEASY

GRADUATION season is beginning in the US, a lively period when gowns are donned, mortarboards and parties are thrown, and students celebrate stepping out into the world. This year, though, a number of campus events are being cancelled due student protests against Israeli military action in Gaza. Some convocations have been disrupted by pro-Palestinian protests.

When public morality needs a course correction, students often step in while politicians cling to geopolitical investments. The Biden administration has the leverage to avert or downscale Israeli defence operations against civilians, but it has chosen not to. Inaction protecting an old ally has now alienated young people.

After October 2023, when Hamas attacks started the current cycle of violence, criticism of Israeli backlash was anathema in the US. American Jewish groups launched publicity campaigns equating opposition to Israeli action with anti-semitism. The Harvard University campus was circled everyday by a propeller plane trailing a banner that read: "Harvard hates Jews." Today, the same campus is the site of an Occupy-like movement favouring Palestine. Harvard Yard, the university's old core, is a tourist attraction for families from all over the world who want to place their kids. Today, it is sealed off in fear they would swell the numbers in the tented field. Surveillance choppers circle overhead.

President Joe Biden seems to be alert to this change among youth. On Thursday, he said a full-scale attack on Rafah by the Israel Defense Forces would cancel US military aid to the country. That's saying a lot because the relationship between the two countries has been unconditional, not least because of the significant presence of Jewish professionals and entrepreneurs in the US economy, academia and arts.

But this concession to domestic sentiment came after weeks in which it was open season on students' movement. It was accused of being disorganised. Actually, from California to New England, the movement is held together by a demand for universities to disinvest endowments and fees from Israeli interests, and for the government to stop financing military action with tax dollars. "Not a penny, not a dime" is the slogan heard most frequently on the streets, though "From the river to the sea" is quoted most frequently in the coverage.

Ironically, the movement was also disparaged for being too organised. All tents in student encampments look the same, people complain, which apparently suggests that organised interests, perhaps political parties, are backing the movement. This is no argument at all. In India, leaders from across the spectrum, from former finance minister Arun Jaitley to CPI(ML) Liberation general secretary Dipankar Bhattacharya are products of student politics backed by parties. It's normal.

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> The students on US campuses who are demanding divestment from Israeli interests are upending political calculations in an election year. Joe Biden might be facing a moment like the anti-war protests of the 1960s and the anti-apartheid movement of the 1970s-80s

The students' demand for divesting has its problems. The authorities would argue it is impossible to implement, unlike sanctions against a single product like Russian oil (and that didn't work either). Global finance is too deeply intermeshed for investors to identify and reject every Israel link. But disinvestment is effective. A decades-long movement on US campuses to disinvest from South Africa, which came to a head in the 1980s, played a role in ending apartheid. It isn't just about money. In India this week, students at Ashoka University urged authorities to cut ties with Tel Aviv University. The sundering of institutional links accompanying divestment would put Israeli campuses beyond the pale.

Research has become hugely collaborative and dozens of people from multiple countries may share credit for a single paper. In 2015, a paper closely estimating the mass of the Higgs boson had 5,154 authors, the current world record. But consider a very narrow field, like research on ribosomes using X-ray crystallography, for which Venki Ramakrishnan won a Nobel in 2009. Very few people work in this area, but nevertheless Ramakrishnan shared his prize with Ada Yonath, an Israeli. It is absurd to imagine Israel can be excluded from current research without reducing its scope.

Given such disincentives, disinvestment and blackballing would probably stop at just a couple of shots fired across the bows of Israel. But it will remain an election issue in the US. The 1968 presidential election provides a rough parallel. It was dominated by a difficult external issue—the persistence of Vietnam war, plus uneasiness about the domestic situation (hippies on the loose, Woodstock ahead). Richard Nixon won as he was able to associate his competitor, former Democrat vice president Hubert Humphrey, with all that was awry and promised to withdraw troops from Indochina. At the same time, Ronald Reagan became governor of California by promising to clean out Berkeley, whose campus was the epicentre of anti-war protests.

Two years later, Ohio National Guards opened fire on student protesters at Kent State University; the deaths became a tipping point. A foreign affairs debacle followed, when Nixon and Kissinger ignored the 'Blood telegram' from Dhaka, which warned of an army-led genocide in East Pakistan and Bangladesh was born when Indian forces intervened in 1971. Today, the students' movement against Israel's militarism awaits such a tipping point, and sadly, the conservatives could be beneficiaries. That means Donald Trump, after the current Storminess has passed.

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## MAILBAG

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### All's fair

Ref: *When other sticks fail to stir the pot* (May 10). The author has totally thrown to the winds the *acche din* provided by the BJP with more than 4 crore pucca houses and free foodgrains to 80 crore people from the lower strata of society. Instead, he is harping on narratives used by the BJP in the elections. He must realise that everything is fair in love, war and elections.
**S K Ramesh, Ballari**

### Clean chit

The author states that Narendra Modi was associated with the anti-Muslim pogrom in 2002. Has he forgotten that Modi was given a clean chit by none other than the Supreme Court? He talks of decency now. Where was his decency when Congress leaders abused Modi and doubted our armed forces?
**Jaikishan N, Kengeri**

### Unethical campaign

The PM's recent scathing attacks on Muslims, using derogatory comments to gain votes, are unfortunate. It's unacceptable for a PM to continuously stigmatise a religious community by referring to them as infiltrators. Vilifying the opposition as a Muslim-favoured party is another way of gaining political advantage that is not ethical.
**Shihab Puttur, Mangaluru**

### Recurring problem

The recent tragedy at Shri Sudharsan fireworks unit in Sivakasi, resulting in 10 deaths and numerous injuries, demands immediate action. Recurring accidents underscore the need for stricter regulations to halt firecracker production, safeguarding lives and the environment. Instead of providing monetary compensation after each incident, the government must prioritise prevention by halting this hazardous activity.
**V Parameswari, Tiruchirappalli**

### Lowering standard

Pass marks for the SSLC board exam have been lowered to 25 percent from 35 percent this year in Karnataka. In spite of this, the share of students passing out remained at around 73 percent. Far from encouraging students, this will become a black mark on them.
**M R Raghunath, Bengaluru**

### Dividing treatment?

The Enforcement Directorate's argument that no one can be arrested if interim bail is granted to unscrupulous politicians is right. I wonder why the Supreme Court is not able to understand this. Instead, the court is trying to divide the rule of law between ordinary people and politicians.
**Jayakumar A V, email**

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**POSTS OF THE DAY**

**Mallikarjun Kharge** @kharge
BJP should not get even a single seat in Telangana. If even one comes, it will play its role in destroying the Constitution.

**Pawan Khera** @Pawankhera
BJP conspiracy unearthed! Instead of ensuring justice for the survivors of the horrors of Prajwal Revanna, BJP is trying to pin the blame on Congress.

**Aaditya Thackeray** @AUThackeray
Arvind Kejriwal getting justice and relief against dictatorial regime in the country is a huge sign of winds of change. More power to him and the INDIA alliance for Bharat.

# 'Frame sexual harassment charges against BJP MP'

## Delhi court says 'sufficient material on record' against Accused No 1

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @ New Delhi

A Delhi court on Friday ordered framing of sexual harassment and other charges against BJP MP and former Wrestling Federation of India chief **Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh** in a case lodged by six women wrestlers, observing there was "sufficient evidence" against him.

Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate of the Rouse Avenue Court Priyanka Rajpoot directed framing of charges against Singh under IPC sections 354 (assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty), 354A (sexual harassment) and 506 (criminal intimidation). "There is sufficient material on record to frame charges against Accused No 1 Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh... with respect to Victim No 1, Victim No 2, Victim No 3, Victim No 4 and Victim No 5," the judge said.

The court also found enough evidence to frame charges against Singh for criminal intimidation under Section 506(1) of IPC with respect to two wrestlers. "As regard Victim No 6... Bhushan Sharan Singh stands discharged," the court said.

Co-accused Vinod Tomar, former assistant secretary of WFI, was charged with criminal intimidation against Victim No 1, but was discharged from the offence of abetment regarding all accused.

Six wrestlers had accused Singh of sexual harassment, leading to the police filing an FIR against him. On June 15, 2023, Singh was charged under multiple sections of the IPC.

The complainants initially sought Supreme Court's intervention for the FIR registration, which prompted the Delhi Police to confirm the registration and investigation.

A minor wrestler had also accused Singh, but later withdrew the complaint, resulting in a cancellation report under the Pocso Act.

An application moved by Singh for further probe in the case was rejected by the court on April 26. Singh had said that he was not in Delhi when the incident alleged by one of the wrestlers took place.

Reacting to the court decision, Singh said he will consult his lawyers and take a decision on whether to appeal against the order before a higher court or challenge it before the ACMM.

### Criminal intimidation

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# SC junks 'infructuous' plea of Soren

**SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY**
@ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Friday disposed of former Jharkhand Chief Minister **Hemant Soren**'s petition challenging the delay by the state high court in deciding his plea against his ED arrest in a money laundering case, and seeking the same relief. Noting that the Jharkhand HC had, on May 3, refused the bail, a two-judge bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and Dipankar Datta said the matter has now become "infructuous". "Your plea is disposed of now," the judge said.

Soren has now moved the apex court challenging the May 3 order of the state HC which is pending before it.

The former CM had moved the apex court seeking interim bail, by alleging that the Jharkhand High Court had on February 28, 2024, had reserved his plea, but so far, till April 30, it had failed in pronouncing the same. Soren had moved the top court seeking bail and also challenged the delay by the state HC in pronouncing the verdict on his petition that challenged his arrest by the ED.

His lawyer, Kapil Sibal, said that he had earlier approached the Jharkhand HC challenging the arrest. The matter was heard on February 27-28 and the judgment, which was reserved, had not been delivered yet. "The man (Soren) is now inside the jail and if it will be like this, then the elections may be over. If we say something more then it will be like we are attacking the judiciary," he said.

The Jharkhand HC bench, led by acting chief justice S Chandrashekhar, who heard the matter, had reserved its verdict on February 28. It pronounced the same on May 3, Friday and rejected his plea.

"Knowing that the elections are around the corner and with a malafide intent of paralysing the leaders of opposition political parties, of which Hemant Soren being the leader of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) was arrested on January 31, 2024," his plea said.

Soren has been in jail since he was arrested by the ED on January 31 in connection with his alleged involvement in a money laundering case. He, however,

claimed innocence in the case and said that he was neither involved in the money laundering case nor in "any illegal act." Kapil Sibal, for Soren, told the apex court that this affects the polity of the country, that can a man be arrested like this? The JMM leader has already challenged the high court order, and the apex court is scheduled to hear the matter on May 13.

Soren has earlier sought interim bail for campaigning in the Lok Sabha elections till the high court delivers its verdict on his plea against arrest. Sibal said the Supreme Court will hear that plea along with the appeal challenging the high court order on May 13.

Sibal highlighted that you forgot that he is a former chief minister. "I (Soren) have a right as a citizen to be dealt with fairly," he told the court.

Soren was arrested after he resigned as Jharkhand chief minister, and party loyalist and state transport minister Champai Soren was named as his successor.

# Disqualified HP MLAs withdraw plea from SC

**SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY**
@ New Delhi

SIX former Congress MLAs on Friday withdrew their pleas from the Supreme Court against the Himachal Pradesh Assembly speaker's decision to disqualify them from the House.

Appearing for the former MLAs, senior lawyer Abhinav Mukherjee told the apex court judges that they wanted to withdraw their petitions.

A two-judge bench of Justice Sanjiv Khanna and Dipankar Datta noted and recorded the submissions made by Mukherjee and allowed him. "We knew this was going to happen due to the elections," the bench said.

The SC, in its earlier order, had refused to stay the disqualification of the rebel MLAs challenging the Speaker's decision to disqualify them, under Tenth Schedule after cross voting in the recently concluded Rajya Sabha elections.

Sudhir Sharma, Rajinder Rana, Ravi Thakur, Chaitanya Sharma, Davinder K Bhutto, and Inder Dutt Lakhanpal are the six disqualified MLAs.

# Inter-state sex trafficking ring busted in Arunachal, doc & engineers arrested

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @ Guwahati

ARUNACHAL Pradesh police have busted an inter-state prostitution racket involving minor girls and arrested 15 persons, including eight customers, a senior police official said.

The arrested customers include two engineers and a doctor who are employed with the state government.

Based on inputs, the police conducted raid at the alleged brothel-cum-residence in Itanagar and rescued three minor girls.

The two minors were being trafficked from Dhemaji in neighbouring Assam by two sisters who run a beauty parlour in Itanagar. The third minor, who is from Arunachal, was not forced into prostitution and has been reunited with her mother, police said.

"Medical tests indicate that three of the four children have a high viral load which may point to the presence of sexually-transmitted disease. Doctors can confirm it only after further tests are conducted," Superintendent of Police (Itanagar Capital) Rohit Rajbir Singh said.

The arrested persons include four traffickers with two of them running a beauty parlour in Itanagar.

"They procure (bring) minor girls from poor families in Dhemaji on the pretext of getting them jobs at Itanagar. Once the girls are brought here, the two sisters with their network of pimps would look for suitable customers for sex with the minor victim girls," the police said in a statement.

"Once they find a probable customer looking for minor girls, they would share the photos of the victims on WhatsApp and fix the rate. The girls would be then driven to the customer or the customer would come to a place of his choosing," police said.

The police added that the traffickers would keep the money and take the victims for shopping at regular intervals.

The police have identified two hotels where the girls were sexually assaulted and written to the authority for the cancellation of their licences.

### 'Forced into prostitution'

After being trafficked to Itanagar, they were forced into prostitution by the sisters along with the other two women, said police. The two minors were being trafficked from Dhemaji in neighbouring Assam by two sisters who run a beauty parlour in Itanagar. The third, who is from Arunachal, was not forced into prostitution and has been reunited with her mother.

# INDIA bloc leaders meet EC over voter turnout data, code of conduct violations

**PREETHA NAIR** @ New Delhi

SOON after the Election Commission of India (EC) on Friday issued its response to Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, a multi-party delegation of the INDIA bloc submitted a memorandum to the poll body and urged it to ensure the sanctity and transparency of the electoral process and a level-playing field for the remainder of the 2024 general elections.

The delegation included Congress leader Abhishek Manu Singhvi, TMC leader Derek O'Brien, JMM leader Mahua Maji and DMK leader TR Baalu, among others.

The letter pointed out that the commission has not provided any proper or official clarification on the inordinate delay or the reported variance in the voter data. The commission has not mentioned crucial yet related figures, such as the votes polled in each parliamentary seat and in the respective assembly constituencies, it said.

"If the voter turnout data was published within 24 hours of voting along with the crucial figures, then we would have known if the increase (of approximately 5%) had been witnessed across constituencies, or only in constituencies where the ruling regime had not performed well in the 2019 elections," it said.

The letter also raised the issue of "Prime Minister's repeated violation of Model Code of Conduct and the commission's advisories (dated March 1, 2024) through election speeches and interviews".

"The PM has given hate speeches, misrepresented wholly the contents of the opposition's campaign, sought to create divisions within groups, sought votes openly in the name of religion and made reckless claims, which if they had been made by any other individual would have amounted to offences punishable under the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and the Representation of People Act, 1951," the letter said. The memorandum also cited the list of complaints on which no meaningful action has been taken by the EC.

"On 23.04.2024, the INC submitted a representation with this commission against an election speech delivered by Narendra Modi in Tonk, Rajasthan, for invoking; (a) the Armed Forces to malign the reputation of the INC and; (b) religion and religious references to ridicule the INC and its election manifesto," it said.

Further, the parties urged the EC to initiate action against the repeated conduct of Narendra Modi, which is duly supported by cogent and indisputable evidence. "The blatant nature of these violations of PM Modi constitutes a direct challenge to this commission and if left unchecked, will leave a deep impact on the democratic fabric of the nation," it said.

Earlier, responding to the EC's letter, the Congress said that the content and intent of the letter will be a permanent blot on the reputation of an institution that can boast of luminaries like Sukumar Sen, TN Seshan and JM Lyngdoh.

"As a Constitutional body, the EC is entrusted with the responsibility of being an impartial body that ensures, and is seen to ensure, a level-playing field to all political parties. The EC's response is simply beyond description," said AICC general secretary Jairam Ramesh. He further said that the Congress president had raised perfectly legitimate issues, on which there have been widespread concern and comment. "The approach of the Election Commission to addressing these issues is deeply regrettable," said Ramesh.

# EC raps Kharge letter on voter turnout data

**MUKESH RANJAN** @ New Delhi

TAKING strong exception to Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge writing to leaders of the INDIA bloc over the voter turnout data, the Election Commission of India (ECI) on Friday accused him of obstructing the Lok Sabha elections and trying to push 'a biased narrative' under the guise of seeking clarifications.

The ECI, in a five-page letter along with annexures, dismissed the charges of mismanagement and delay in the release of the voter turnout data. It also termed the allegations unwarranted and "reflective of a biased and deliberate attempt to spread confusion".

The poll panel said Kharge's letter came to its notice as it was placed in the public domain in the middle of the electoral process.

It found the missive "highly undesirable" and designed to create "confusion, misdirection and impediment to the conduct of smooth, free and fair elections". "Through innuendos and insinuations, the contents of the post, tend to create disharmony in respect of the delicate space of election management," the panel said.

## *12 Maoists killed in Chhattisgarh encounter, 2024 toll reaches 103*

Raipur: Security forces on Friday gunned down 12 Maoists during an encounter in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district, taking the number of Left-wing extremists eliminated so far this year in the state to 103. Two security personnel were also injured in an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) blast triggered by the Naxalites during the operation, police officials said. This was the third major strike on Naxalites by security forces in the past month. On April 16, the forces had killed 29 extremists in an encounter in Kanker district. Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai congratulated security forces and senior officials for the successful operation. "Since we came to power, we have strongly fought against Naxalism. Both PM Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah want Naxalism to end soon, and we are getting the benefit of double engine sarkar," he said. The latest offensive took place in a forest near Pidia village when a joint team of security personnel was out on an anti-Naxal operation. Personnel belonging to the District Reserve Guard from Bijapur, Dantewada and Sukma districts, Bastar Fighters, Special Task Force, Central Reserve Police Force and its elite unit CoBRA were involved in the operation, officials said.

# Chardham Yatra begins with opening of portals of Kedarnath, Yamunotri, Gangotri

**NARENDRA SETHI** @ Dehradun

THE Chardham Yatra began on Friday as the doors of Kedarnath, Yamunotri, and Gangotri temples in the Garhwal Himalayas were opened for devotees on the occasion of Akshaya Tritiya after remaining closed during the winter season.

The doors of Kedarnath and Yamyunotri were opened at 7 am while the portals of Gangotri were opened at 12.25 pm in the presence of a large number of devotees amid chanting of hymns.

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami was present as the portals of Kedartnath were opened for devotees. "It is an auspicious day for which we wait throughout the year. I welcome you all on the occasion. May you all be showered with the blessings of Baba Kedar," Dhami said, addressing a gathering outside the temple after offering prayers.

The portals of Kedarnath Dham, the eleventh Jyotirlinga, were opened amidst the chants of "Jai Baba Kedarnath" and the melodic tunes of the Grenadier Regiment band of the Army. Over 10,000 devotees gathered to witness the event.

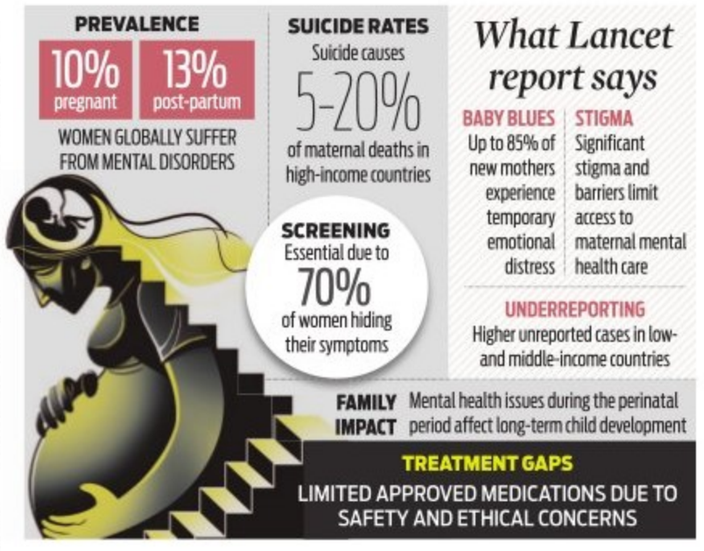
Upon the arrival of devotees on the Dham premises, they were greeted with a floral shower from a helicopter. The Kedarnath temple was adorned with over 20 quintals of flowers, adding to the divine ambience of the site. The portals of Badrinath Dham are scheduled to be opened on May 12.

Dhami said, "This year's Chardham Yatra is poised to set new benchmarks, with the state government unwaveringly dedicated to ensuring the utmost convenience for all pilgrims."

The Panchmukhi Utsav idol of Kedar Nath made its way to the Dham from the Shri Omkareshwar Temple in Ukhimath. Uttarakhand Tourism Department Joint Director Yogendra Gangwar said, "The number of registrations for the Chardham Yatra had crossed 23.57 lakh till Friday."

# '10% pregnant women suffer from mental disorders'

**KAVITA BAJELI-DATT** @ New Delhi


PREVALENCE
10% pregnant
13% post-partum
WOMEN GLOBALLY SUFFER FROM MENTAL DISORDERS
SUICIDE RATES
Suicide causes
5-20%
of maternal deaths in high-income countries
SCREENING
Essential due to
70%
of women hiding their symptoms
What Lancet report says
BABY BLUES
Up to 85% of new mothers experience temporary emotional distress
STIGMA
Significant stigma and barriers limit access to maternal mental health care
UNDERREPORTING
Higher unreported cases in low- and middle-income countries
FAMILY IMPACT
Mental health issues during the perinatal period affect long-term child development
TREATMENT GAPS
LIMITED APPROVED MEDICATIONS DUE TO SAFETY AND ETHICAL CONCERNS

ACCORDING to the latest report from The Lancet, about 10% of pregnant women and 13% of women who have recently given birth suffer from mental disorders globally. These include depression, anxiety, and psychosis, with a higher prevalence observed in low- and middle-income countries.

Suicide, strongly associated with mental health conditions, is a leading cause of death during the perinatal period in high-income countries, accounting for 5-20% of maternal deaths, as stated in The Lancet Regional Health - Europe.

The numbers are likely higher in low- and middle-income countries, where suicide often goes unreported and is overshadowed by inadequate care for obstetric complications.

The report highlights that this is a "neglected issue," noting that up to 85% of women experience so-called baby blues, characterized by symptoms such as prolonged crying, sadness, and anxiety.

"Perinatal mental health conditions can significantly impact maternal and child wellbeing, hindering bonding, caregiving, and healthy development, which can have long-term consequences on a child's physical, cognitive, and emotional growth, affecting families and future generations," the report states.

Urgent action is needed to address the stigma and systemic barriers surrounding maternal mental health to ensure that all women receive comprehensive support and care during this critical period of their lives.

The report emphasizes the importance of screening for mental health symptoms to identify women who need assistance, since 70% of women hide or downplay their symptoms due to stigma and a lack of awareness, leading to unaccounted, undetected, and untreated cases.

It further notes that addressing the stigma surrounding perinatal mental health requires essential approaches, including raising awareness about these conditions, fostering open discussions, and ensuring readily available support and resources for affected individuals.

Addressing systemic barriers to support mothers requires a comprehensive approach that encompasses early identification of mental health conditions, preventive interventions, and effective treatments to promote maternal and child wellbeing throughout the perinatal period.

Few approved pharmacological treatments exist for perinatal mental disorders, and conducting clinical trials for novel drugs in this population is challenging due to safety and ethical concerns for pregnant or breastfeeding women, which hampers progress in research.

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# MAHUA MAKES MASSIVE WAVES @KRISHNANAGAR

**SULAGNA SENGUPTA** @ Krishnanagar

CAMPAIGN in West Bengal's **Krishnanagar Lok** Sabha constituency, which will go to polls in the fourth phase on May 13, has intensified with TMC's candidate Mahua Moitra, the former MP from the seat, locked in a fierce contest with BJP's Amrita Roy, the Rajmata of the Krishnanagar royal family.

Known for her impassioned speeches, Moitra is busy campaigning in villages. "It's not a fight for local issues. It's a fight for regaining democracy which BJP in the past 10 years has crushed. It is a vote to preserve fundamental freedoms," said Moitra, who was removed from the Lok Sabha over the cash-for-query scandal.

Despite internal feud and BJP trying to project TMC as a 'corrupt party', the schemes of Mamata Banerjee -- especially women-centric ones like Lakshmir Bhandar, Kanyashree and Rupashree -- have got traction with the local people, party's district leaders claim.

"I have been selling meat for the last few years in Krishnanagar market and I have seen how our candidate helped common people in times of crisis. The BJP candidate is new and we hardly knew her. Banerjee's welfare schemes have greatly benefitted us," said Nadim Haque, a meat seller at Tehatta.

A visit to Krishnanagar Rajbari area shows a different picture – people are trying to garner support for Roy. "People are frustrated with TMC's corruption. They want an alternative to TMC and Amrita Roy is the best alternative in the district. Every year she organises Sindur Khela in their Rajbari where Durga Puja is celebrated and women of all age groups participate in full swing. This has helped her get more women support," said Sunil Mondal, a mason.

Moitra harps on alleged misuse of central agencies by the Modi government. "I am contesting elections not merely to return to Parliament but to give BJP a befitting reply," she says. A TMC leader strategising Moitra's campaign said, "Roy is not at all in a contest. We are telling people how BJP's Hindutva politics is destroying democracy and how Moitra was compelled by BJP to leave Parliament. We are also highlighting our schemes."

CM Banerjee has been saying that winning Krishnanagar is important for Trinamool. She, in fact, started her campaign for the Lok Sabha polls from Krishnanagar. Sources in TMC district said Moitra's "arrogant behavior" is not liked by a section of party leaders . "During an internal meeting of TMC , Moitra shouted at Krishnanagar MLA Nasimuddin Ahmed. This was not liked by a section of TMC leaders," a party leader said. "Although TMC is tight-lipped on this issue, Muslim votes are likely to be divided between the ruling party and CPM." SM Saadi is the CPM candidate.

For the BJP, apart from stopping Moitra from returning to Parliament, the contest is also about regaining lost ground. The party came second in Krishnanagar in 1998 and won it in 1999. It came second in 2004, and third in 2009 and 2014. But it bagged second spot in 2019. "The BJP illegally removed your voice from Parliament. We have to remove the BJP," Moitra told a mostly-Muslim crowd after a roadshow. "They want to decide what people wear and what they eat. They want to decide if you can wear lungi or not."

The BJP's focus is on holding the Trinamool accountable for issues concerning women's safety, in the context of the Sandeshkhali protests over sexual exploitation, and corruption charges. "I am not fighting Mahua Moitra. I am fighting corruption and I am fighting to provide my mothers and sisters a safe and secure life," said Roy.

JHARKHAND

# Every penny looted by JMM to be returned to tribals: Shah

**MUKESH RANJAN** @ Ranchi

EVERY single penny looted by the JMM-led alliance will be returned to the tribal and backward people of Jharkhand," stated Union Home Minister Amit Shah while seeking votes for Arjun Munda in Khunti on Friday. He made a scathing attack on the JMM-led alliance in Jharkhand, emphasizing a competition of corruption between the JMM and Congress. Shah assured that the BJP would recover every penny looted and return it to the rightful beneficiaries.

Shah highlighted the accomplishments of the Modi government over the past decade. He referenced instances of corruption, such as the recovery of ₹350 crore from Congress MP Dhiraj Sahu and ₹35 crore from a flat occupied by the domestic help of Congress Minister Alamgir Alam. Shah emphasized that this money rightfully belongs to the tribal and backward communities.

"There is a competition of corruption going on between the Congress and JMM in Jharkhand. Every penny they have looted from the poor people in Jharkhand will be recovered from them. This is the hard-earned money of the poor people of Jharkhand, and BJP will not allow the Congress to loot it," Shah declared. He also highlighted various scams allegedly involving the JMM-led alliance, including land, mining, MNREGA, and liquor scams. Shah vowed not to let the alliance devour the wealth of the poor.

Referring to Congress leader Manishankar Aiyyar's statement about respecting Pakistan as a nuclear power, Shah criticized Congress for diverting attention from the issue of reclaiming PoK. He asserted, "Every inch of PoK belongs to India and will remain with India."

Shah further accused the PFI of terrorism, alleging support from the Congress and JMM government in Jharkhand. He claimed that the Modi government had taken stringent actions against the PFI, conducting raids and arresting its members.

Regarding infiltration from Bangladesh, Shah accused the JMM and Congress of engaging in vote-bank politics at the expense of tribal communities. He criticized their failure to address the abuse of tribal girls and the encroachment of tribal land. Shah also credited the BJP for addressing the Naxal menace, attributing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership.

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UTTAR PRADESH

# Rahul campaigns for Akhilesh, launches broadside on Modi

**'INDIA bloc will get over 50 seats in UP'**

Rahul Gandhi, contesting from Rae Bareli, said the results of UP would come as the biggest shock for the BJP as the INDIA alliance would win more than 50 seats. "Whatever hard work was required, we have already put it and I guarantee that we will not get anything less than 50 seats in UP," said Gandhi.

**NAMITA BAJPAI** @ Lucknow

LAUNCHING a broadside on Prime Minister Narendra Modi and guaranteeing the defeat of the National Democratic Alliance in ensuing Lok Sabha polls, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, on Friday, said that he could see the storm of INDIA Alliance coming in UP and "Narendra Modi will not be able to become the PM of India."

The opposition bloc leaders, including Rahul Gandhi, SP chief Akhilesh Yadav and AAP leader Sanjay Singh addressed a joint rally in Kannauj and Kanpur on Friday. Akhilesh Yadav is a candidate from Kannauj where Rahul Gandhi made a fervent appeal to vote and support the SP chief. Kannauj will go to polls in the fourth phase on May 13.

Making a reference of PM Modi's Ambani-Adani jibe, Rahul Gandhi said that he never took the names of the two corporate honchos in the past ten years, but suddenly mentioned them in his speeches seeking their support to save him from the impending defeat staring at him.

The Congress leader, who is a candidate from Rae Bareli, said that the results of UP would come as the biggest shock for the ruling alliance as INDIA, the opposition alliance would emerge victorious in the state with over 50 seats. "Whatever hard work was required, we have already put it and I guarantee that we will not get anything less than 50 seats in UP," said Gandhi in Kanpur. In a counter to PM's jibe that Rahul had suddenly stopped mentioning 'Ambani-Adani' in speeches as he (Rahul) might have received 'money in tempo', the Congress leader retorted by saying that the PM must be feeling so from his (Modi) 'personal experience'.

Cautioning the people against falling in the trap of PM, Rahul Gandhi said that the BJP would try its best to divert the attention of the people through different means in the next 10-15 days. "We must not get digress today. The most important issue is to save the Constitution which guarantees powers to the poor, the deprived," he added. Flashing a copy of the Constitution, like he does in every rally, Gandhi claimed that BJP had made up its mind to 'change' the Constitution if it returned to power. In the same rally, Akhilesh Yadav also addressed the audience and claimed that the BJP was lagging far behind in the phases as of now, Yadav said that the youth, farmer, poor all were looking for a change this tie in the country.

ELECTION2024

## *Amritpal declares ₹1,000 cr assets*

Radical Sikh preacher Amritpal Singh, who is currently lodged in Assam's Dibrugarh jail under the National Security Act, has declared assets worth ₹1,000 in his poll affidavit. The 'Waris Punjab De' outfit chief has thrown his hat in the electoral ring from the Khadoor Sahib seat in Punjab as an Independent. His nomination papers were filed by his uncle in Tarn Taran district on Friday. Singh filled in his nomination papers on Thursday in Dibrugarh jail in Assam.

## *FIR against Cong, BJP candidates*

FIRs have been registered against Congress leader Vijay Wadettiwar and Maharashtra BJP president Chandrashekhar Bawankule for alleged violations of code of conduct amid polls, officials said.The case against Wadettiwar, who is the leader of opposition, was on a complaint from BJP against his remark that then ATS chief Hemant Karkare was not killed by the bullet of terrorist Ajmal Kasab in 26/11 attack but by one fired by a policeman close to the RSS.

# *Battle lines drawn in Kannauj as Akhilesh strives to reclaim Mulayam Singh Yadav's legacy*

**NAMITA BAJPAI** @ Lucknow

THE battle for Kannauj, a former Samajwadi Party bastion, suddenly turned fiercer after SP chief Akhilesh Yadav entered the contest at the last moment, replacing his nephew Tej Pratap Yadav as the SP candidate.

When the SP had initially announced Tej Pratap Yadav as the candidate for Kannauj, the BJP immediately pounced upon the regional party accusing it of dynastic politics. But now with Akhilesh in the fray, the optics has changed making the contest no longer a cake walk for the sitting BJP MP Subrat Pathak, who had emerged a giant killer in 2019 by defeating Akhilesh's wife Dimple Yadav.

Subrat himself admitted as much, saying he had thought it would be like an India-Nepal match when Tej Pratap was the opponent; but with Akhilesh's entry, it has turned to an India-Pak match, which can go either way.

Kannauj is known as the 'perfume capital of India' and Subrat belongs to one of the oldest perfume business families. The constituency goes to polls in the fourth phase on May 13 in what promises to be a very closely fought contest.

SHOWTIME FOR GLADIATORS

Akhilesh chose to be a candidate from Kannauj after much flip-flop. According to sources, he finally decided to take the plunge to avenge the humiliating defeat of his wife in 2019 and reclaim the political legacy of his father late Mulayam Singh Yadav. His entry was dramatic, on the eve of the deadline for nomination, claiming 'pressure from partymen'.

Kannauj Lok Sabha constituency was formed in 1967 and Ram Manohar Lohia was the first MP from the seat. In due course, Mulayam, who used to call himself a disciple of Lohia, established his party in this Muslim-Yadav dominated seat and gradually consolidated it into an SP bastion. Of the 16 elections since 1967, the SP has won seven times. The Congress and the BJP won twice each.

Mulayam contested from Kannauj in 1999 and then left the seat to launch his son Akhilesh, who took the plunge in 2000 Kannauj by-poll.

However, the winning streak of SP's first family was broken in 2019 when Subrat, a Brahmin, trounced Dimple by 12,000 votes. In the previous election in 2014, Dimple had won by a margin of 19,000 votes.

Before his 2019 win, Subrat had fought and lost two Lok Sabha polls from Kannauj. This time, he has a formidable opponent. His supporters, however, claim the Yogi-Modi factor will help him.

On the other hand, things don't look bright for Akhilesh either. In the absence of his father, the young SP leader has to work twice as much hard to gain voter trust.

ILLUSTRATION: MANOAR PARDIKAR

From left, Subrat Pathak and Akhilesh Yadav

# Sandhu files nomination papers in Amritsar

**HARPREET BAJWA** @ Chandigarh

ON the auspicious day of Akshaya Tritiya—numerous candidates from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Congress, and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in Punjab filed their nomination papers. Among them, Taranjit Singh Sandhu, former Indian ambassador to the United States and BJP candidate from Amritsar, filed his nomination as well. He was accompanied by Union External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar. Additionally, BJP candidates Ravneet Bittu from Ludhiana and Sushil Kumar Rinku from Jalandhar also filed their papers, bringing the total to 82 candidates across the state.

Earlier, Sandhu held a roadshow in Amritsar, attended by party cadres, followed by the nomination filing at the Amritsar District Administrative Complex with Jaishankar. During the roadshow, Jaishankar endorsed Sandhu as a strong candidate for BJP, expressing hope for a significant victory in Amritsar.

Punjab Chief Electoral Officer Sibin C reported that on the fourth day of nominations for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, 95 nominations were filed by 82 candidates for 13 Lok Sabha seats. The total nominations from May 7 to May 10 reached 163 by 143 candidates. Due to upcoming gazetted holidays on May 11 and 12, no nominations can be filed on these days.

Meanwhile, Amritpal Singh, leader of 'Waris Punjab De' and a pro-Khalistani, filed his nomination from the Khadoor Sahib constituency, confirmed by his lawyer. The Punjab and Haryana HC disposed of his petition seeking a temporary release to file his nomination as the Punjab government had already facilitated the process. Singh completed and signed two sets of nomination forms and other paperwork on May 9.

## *Rift in Gujarat BJP comes out wide open*

Ahmedabad: Simmering tension within the Gujarat BJP finally came to a head during the recent cooperative sector elections for the director of IFFCO when a close aide of Union Home Minister Amit Shah faced defeat. Former minister Jayesh Radadiya — a Jetpur BJP MLA — defeated Bipin Patel, alias Bipin Gota, the coordinator of the party's cooperative cell and vice-chairman of Gujarat State Cooperative Marketing Federation Limited (Gujcomasol)in the election. Narayan Kachdia -- a three-time MP from Amerli -- raised concerns regarding the party's candidate selection process and the incorporation of Congress and AAP members into the BJP. Despite the state BJP chief CR Paatil endorsing Gota — a close aide of Amit Shah — as the party's candidate, Radadia defied the party mandate by submitting his candidacy and securing a third term.

**75-year-old**
mastermind of a 2005 armed robbery that killed a UK police officer sentenced to life

**GLOBAL WEATHER**

LR: Light Rain • WI: Windy • HR: Heavy Rain • SN: Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

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**HUSH MONEY**

## Daniels denies cashing in on claimed tryst with Trump

**NEW YORK**

STORMY Daniels finished her marathon testimony at Donald Trump's hush money trial on Thursday with attorneys for the former president seeking to paint her as a greedy liar who profited from her allegations.

The X-rated film actress, who claims to have had sex with the married Trump in 2006, denied that she threatened the tycoon if he did not buy her silence.

"I wanted the truth to come out... to get my story protected with a paper trail so that my family didn't get hurt," the 45-year-old Daniels said during aggressive cross-examination by Trump's attorney Susan Necheles.

Trump, 77, is accused of falsifying business records to reimburse his lawyer, Michael Cohen, for a $1,30,000 payment to Daniels on the eve of the 2016 presidential election, when the story could have proved politically fatal.

The face-off between Daniels and Team Trump took place six months before the November election, when the Republican hopeful will try to defeat Democratic President Joe Biden.

During nearly eight hours of testimony over two days, Daniels walked the New York jury through the one-night stand she said she had with Trump at a celebrity golf tournament, and then the financial settlement she says ensued.

On Thursday, Trump's lawyers suggested Daniels was out for the money. They accused her of appearing at strip club events promoted with a picture of Trump and the tagline "Making America Horny Again."

"I never used that tagline -- I hated it," said Daniels who wore a green dress and a long, hooded black cardigan, her hair loose and her cadence confident. In her testimony Tuesday, she described Trump's pajamas, his boxer shorts, the sexual position and that he did not wear a condom. And while she was "not threatened verbally or physically" she said she "felt ashamed I didn't stop it, didn't say no." *AFP*

Donald Trump

### Gag order violations

As the threat of jail looms over Donald Trump following repeated gag order violations, his attorneys are fighting the judge's order and seeking a fast decision in an appeals court. If that court refuses to lift the gag order, Trump's lawyers want permission to take their appeal to the state's high court

# Heavy fighting in Rafah keeps aid crossings closed

Food and fuel supplies running critically low, UN warns as Israeli troops and Hamas fighters engage in fierce gun battles in eastern Rafah

**RAFAH**

HEAVY fighting between Israeli troops and Palestinian militants on the outskirts of the southern Gaza city of Rafah has left crucial nearby aid crossings inaccessible and driven more than 1,10,000 people to flee north, UN officials said.

With nothing entering through the crossings, food and other supplies were running critically low, aid agencies said. The World Food Program will run out of food for distribution in southern Gaza by Saturday, said Georgios Petropoulos, an official with the U.N. Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in Rafah. Aid groups have said fuel will also be depleted soon, forcing hospitals to shut down critical operations and bringing to a halt trucks delivering aid across south and central Gaza.

The UN and other agencies have warned for weeks that an Israel assault on Rafah, on the border with Egypt near the main aid entry points, would cripple humanitarian operations and cause a disastrous surge in civilian casualties. More than 1.4 million Palestinians—half of Gaza's population—have been sheltering in Rafah, most after fleeing Israel's offensives elsewhere.

Heavy fighting was also underway in northern Gaza, where Hamas appeared to have once again regrouped in an area where Israel has already launched punishing assaults.

Palestinians pile their belongings on a vehicle as they drive to safer areas in Rafah, in the southern Gaza Strip | AFP

Israel's move into Rafah has been short of the full-scale invasion that it has planned. The United States is deeply opposed to a major offensive and stepping up pressure by threatening to withhold arms.

But the heavy fighting has shaken the city and spread fear that a bigger assault was coming. Artillery shelling and gunfire rattled throughout the night into Friday, an Associated Press reporter said.

The UN agency for Palestinian refugees, known as UNRWA, said more than 1,10,000 people have fled Rafah. Families who have already moved multiple times during the war packed up to go again. One woman held a cat in her arms as she sat in the back of a truck piled with her family's belongings about to head out. The full invasion hasn't started "and things have already gotten below zero," said Raed al-Fayomi, a displaced person in Rafah. "There's no food or water." Those fleeing erected new tents camps in the city of Khan Younis — which was half destroyed in an earlier Israeli offensive—and the town of Deir al-Balah.

The international charity Project Hope said its medical clinic in Deir al-Balah had seen a surge in people from Rafah seeking care for blast injuries, infections and pregnancies. "People are evacuating to nothing. There are no homes or proper shelters for people to go to," said the group's Gaza team leader based in Rafah, Moses Kondowe. *AFP*

**WAR WATCH**

**ISRAEL-GAZA: DAY: 217**

**TOLL SO FAR**

**36,580**

**Police dismantle protest camp at MIT**

Police dismantled a pro-Palestinian tent encampment at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology early Friday and moved to clear protesters from University of Pennsylvania's campus, hours after police tear-gassed protesters and took down an encampment at the University of Arizona. The protest movement began nearly three weeks ago at Columbia University

## UN assembly approves resolution granting new rights to Palestine

**NEW YORK**

THE UN General Assembly voted by a wide margin on Friday to grant new "rights and privileges" to Palestine and called on the Security Council to favorably reconsider its request to become the 194th UN member.

The 193-member world body approved the Arab and Palestinian-sponsored resolution by a vote of 143-9 with 25 abstentions. The United States vetoed a widely backed council resolution on April 18 that would have paved the way for full United Nations membership for Palestine, a goal the Palestinians have long sought and Israel has worked to prevent.

The resolution determined that 'the State of Palestine is qualified for membership in the United Nations' in accordance with Article 4 of the Charter of the United Nations and "should therefore be admitted to membership in the United Nations'.

It recommended that the Security Council 'reconsider the matter favourably, in the light of this determination'.

An annex to the resolution said that the additional rights and privileges of participation of the State of Palestine will be effective as of the 79th session of the General Assembly that begins in September this year.

These include the right to be seated among member states in alphabetical order; the right to make statements on behalf of a group, including among representatives of major groups; the right of members of the delegation of the State of Palestine to be elected as officers in the plenary and the Main Committees of the General Assembly and the right to full and effective participation in UN conferences and international conferences and meetings convened under the auspices of the General Assembly.

India voted in favour of the resolution. India was the first non-Arab State to recognise the Palestine Liberation Organisation as the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people in 1974 and India was also one of the first countries to recognise the State of Palestine in 1988. *Agencies*

## *UT Austin, Rice University join list of Ivy League schools*

Two Texas schools—University of Texas (UT), in Austin and Rice University in Houston—have joined the ranks of Ivy League institutions

**GOOD NEWS FOR INDIAN STUDENTS**

The development comes as a piece of great news for Indian international students who are enrolled in large numbers in these two Texas schools

**THE FORBES' METHODOLOGY**

The Forbes' researchers said the evaluation came as the traditional Ivy League institutions have faced a barrage of complaints in recent years related to admissions policies, grade inflations and responses to on-campus protests

From there, Forbes evaluated schools with a minimum of 4,000 students

Forbes then analysed schools with high standardised test scores

The researchers also used an admissions rate threshold of 20% or below for private institutions and 50% or below for public schools

After receiving a final list of 42 schools, Forbes spoke with hiring managers about each one to see which schools' students rose to the top of prospective employers' priority lists

Rice University

**31%** is the acceptance rate at UT Austin, which is one of the largest universities in the nation

**8.7%** is the acceptance rate at Rice University, long considered an Ivy League school of the south

**HIGH SAT SCORES**

UT's admitted students earned an average 1370 on the SAT and a 30 for the ACT. At Rice, admitted students earned an average 1540 on the SAT and 35 on the ACT. Among its prospective students, 76% submitted test scores with their applications

## Ukraine caught off guard by surprise Russian ground offensive in northeast

**KYIV**

RUSSIA launched a surprise ground offensive into Ukraine's northeast Kharkiv region on Friday, making small advances into a border zone it was pushed back from nearly two years ago.

Civilians were told to flee and heavy fighting was reported as Ukraine's outgunned army rushed in reinforcements to defend the region, which has been mostly under Ukrainian control since September 2022.

"Russia launched a new wave of counter-offensive actions in this area. Ukraine met them there with our troops, brigades and artillery ... Now there is a fierce battle under way in this area," President Volodymyr Zelensky told a briefing.

A high-ranking Ukrainian military source said Russia had advanced into Ukraine by one kilometre and was trying to "create a buffer zone" in both the Kharkiv and neighbouring Sumy regions to prevent attacks into Russian territory.

If the advance is confirmed, it would represent the Kremlin's biggest land operation in that part of the battlefield since it sent thousands of troops across the border in February 2022. Officials in Kyiv had for weeks warned Moscow might try and attack its northeastern border regions, pressing its advantage as Ukraine struggles with delays in Western aid and manpower shortages.

Employees of the state emergency services extinguishing fires in the aftermath of Russian shelling in Kharkiv in eastern Ukraine on Friday | AFP

Ukraine's military said it had halted Russia in its tracks but that "fighting of varying intensity" was ongoing.

"Reserve units have been deployed to strengthen the defence in this area of the front," it said. Russia launched the attack around 5.00 am (local time), breaking through Ukraine's lines under the cover of armoured vehicles, according to Kyiv.

Meanwhile, the US announced a new $400 million package of military aid for Ukraine on Friday. The package includes High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems and rockets for them, as well as munitions for Patriot and National Advanced Surface-to-Air Missile Systems. *Agencies*

**EXPRESS READ**

**China says it chased away US warship from disputed South China Sea region**

Beijing: Beijing's military on Friday said it had tailed and issued a warning to a US Navy ship in the disputed South China Sea, just days after the same vessel sparked China's ire by sailing through Taiwan Strait. Beijing claims almost the entire South China Sea despite an international ruling that its assertion has no legal basis. It deploys hundreds of coast guard, navy and other vessels to patrol and militarise the waters. And on Friday, military spokesman Tian Junli said China had "organised naval and air forces to tail and monitor" the American guided-missile destroyer USS Halsey. Those forces "issued a warning to drive it away", he added, after the ship "illegally intruded into China's territorial waters near the Xisha Islands without approval from the Chinese government", Tian said, referring to the Paracel Islands by their Chinese name. "The actions by the United States seriously violate China's sovereignty and security," he added. In a statement Friday, the US Navy confirmed its ship had "asserted navigational rights and freedoms in the South China Sea near the Paracel Islands". "At the conclusion of the operation, USS Halsey exited the excessive claim and continued operations in the South China Sea," it added. AFP

**ASIA MATTERS**

**THAILAND**

### OIL TRADER CONVICTED OF CHEATING

The founder of a failed Singapore oil trading company was convicted Friday of cheating a major bank and abetting forgery in a case that tainted the city-state's crude trading market. Lim Oon Kuin, better known as O K Lim, founded Hin Leong Trading, one of Asia's biggest oil traders before its collapse in 2020. The octogenarian businessman faced a total of 130 criminal charges allegedly involving hundreds of millions of dollars. But prosecutors tried and convicted him on just three charges: two of cheating financial giant HSBC and one of encouraging a Hin Leong executive to forge documents.

**MALAYSIA**

### ACID ATTACK VICTIM RECOVERING

A top Malaysian footballer is "responding well" after undergoing a three-hour skin allograft surgery, a sports official said Friday, following an acid attack that left the player in intensive care and shocked the country. Selangor FC and Malaysia winger Faisal Halim was attacked last week at a shopping mall outside capital Kuala Lumpur. The motive behind the attack on him is still unknown and two suspects were arrested.

**INDONESIA**

### STARLINK GETS LICENCES TO OPERATE

Elon Musk's Starlink satellite company has been granted business licences to operate in Indonesia, a senior communication and information ministry official said. Starlink's network of low Earth orbit satellites can provide internet to remote locations or areas that have had normal communications infrastructure disabled. Indonesia is a vast archipelago of more than 17,000 islands and Jakarta is seeking to connect millions more of its population who are not hooked up to reliable internet services. Usman Kansong, a senior official, said Starlink had been given approval to operate in Indonesia.

## Air Vanuatu files for bankruptcy, cancels flights

**SYDNEY**

AIR Vanuatu filed for bankruptcy protection on Friday a day after the South Pacific state-owned carrier cancelled all international flights, stranding thousands of travellers.

The airline on Wednesday cancelled more than 20 flights to and from the Australian cities of Sydney and Brisbane, and the New Zealand city of Auckland for the rest of the week. The airline said it was the result of 'extended maintenance requirements' on their aircraft. Ernst & Young Australia's Morgan Kelly, Justin Walsh and Andrew Hanson were appointed liquidators in an equivalent of a US Chapter 11 bankruptcy, the firm said in a statement. The liquidators said safety and maintenance checks would be made before normal operations resumed.

Kelly said the airline's existing management team would remain in place. "Air Vanuatu is critical to the people of the Republic of Vanuatu and a strategically important business to the nation," Kelly said. "Our team is working closely with management to ensure continuity of service to customers and to ensure services continue as seamlessly as possible."

"The outlook for the airline is positive, despite pressures on the broader industry, and we will be focused on securing the future of this strategically vital national carrier," Kelly added. Affected travellers would be informed of this disruption and rebooked on flights as soon as operations resumed, the statement said. Air Vanuatu operates four planes, including one Boeing 737. *AFP*

**STRATEGICALLY VITAL NATIONAL CARRIER**

Air Vanuatu is one of the few airlines servicing Vanuatu with international flights, and the company's demise would hit the country's foreign tourism earnings. Tourism accounts for about a third of Vanuatu's economy

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# 17 cos to start making laptops, PCs

27 approved cos will lead to investment of ₹3K cr, direct jobs of 50K, indirect jobs of 1,50,000

**RAKESH KUMAR** @ New Delhi

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>
> S Krishnan, Secretary of Ministry of Electronics and IT

NEARLY 17 companies selected under the PLI (Production Linked Incentive) for IT Hardware will begin production in this financial year (FY25), said S Krishnan, Secretary of Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY). Six-seven companies out of 27 had started production last year.

Krishnan also mentioned that the government has been periodically reviewing the progress of the PLI incentive scheme and is quite satisfied with its progress.

The government introduced a revised PLI scheme of ₹17,000 crore for IT hardware in May 2023. The objective of this initiative was to boost the domestic production of laptops, tablets, all-in-one PCs, servers, and ultra-small form factor devices within the country.

"Out of the 27 companies, a majority are expected to start production during the current year, which is 2024-25. I think if I recall the numbers correctly, about 17 companies are expected to start this year. About six or seven companies had started last year, and two companies are starting next year," said Krishnan.

In November 2023, the government had approved the applications of 27 companies, including Dell, HP, Foxconn, and Lenovo for the PLI schemes for IT hardware. The minister for electronics and information, Ashwini Vaishnaw, while announcing the applicants, said this move will make India a major force in the manufacturing of PCs, servers, laptops, and tablets.

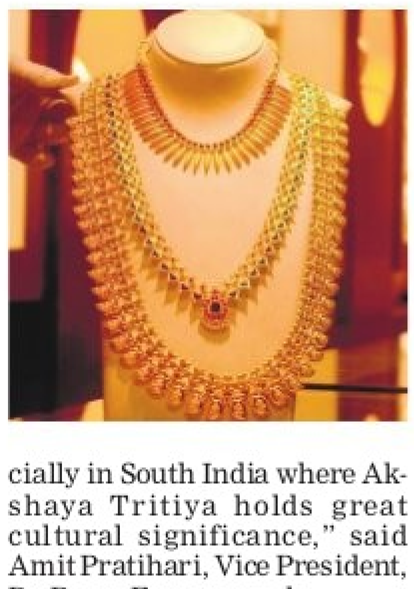
He added that these 27 companies will lead to investment of ₹3,000 crore, direct employment of 50,000, and indirect employment of 1,50,000. Companies approved under the PLI scheme include Dell, Foxconn, HP, Lenovo, Flextronics, VVDL, Rising Stars Hi-Tech, India Sales, Padget Electronics, SOJO, VVDN, and others.

However, the government has not yet released any incentives under the scheme to any companies as the scheme took off in the last quarter of this financial year. Therefore, the companies need to complete audits and other requirements. "So, not yet (releasing incentives). We are awaiting... Because, you know, the PLI scheme started in the last quarter of last year. The companies have to get their audits and things completed," said Krishnan.

Nearly 44 major technology companies, including all significant players, applied for the scheme. According to Counterpoint Research firm, India's total laptop or PC market size amounts to close to $8 billion annually, with approximately 65% of units being imported.

# Akshaya Tritiya: Jewellers' sales flat, see 40% biz in south

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** @ Bengaluru



JEWELLERY retail outlets across the country saw similar sales volume on Akshaya Tritiya, Friday, like that of last year despite high gold prices. Nearly 20-22 tonne of gold is sold during Akshaya Tritiya.

"Every year sales used to increase as against preceding year, but this year it was not so. While volume-wise there might be a 5% decline, value-wise it was similar," All India Gem and Jewellery Domestic Council chairman Saiyam Mehra said.

About 40% of business happened in the south and the rest og other parts. "In the south, heavy jewellery was sold. In the north and western parts of the country, 14 and 18 carats were also selling because rates of these were 20-40% lesser than 22 carats," he said. "Today, on the auspicious occasion of Akshaya Tritiya, we are observing a major rise in customer visits. Our partner retailers are reporting positive outcomes especially in South India where Akshaya Tritiya holds great cultural significance," said Amit Pratihari, Vice President, De Beers Forevermark.

Whether it is preparations for upcoming weddings or selecting gifts for special occasions, there is a big surge in interest in diamond jewellery. "We are seeing a demand for everyday jewellery known for its minimalist design, lightweight and ethical sourcing. There's a notable trend towards purchasing items that carry intrinsic value, making natural diamonds particularly desirable," he added.

During last year's Akshaya Tritiya, gold prices touched over ₹60,800 per 10 gram and on Friday it was about ₹73,000.

K Srinivasan, Chairman and MD, Emerald Group, said they are seeing a rise in overall jewellery sales volume as against last year. "By 4 or 5 pm on May 10 we crossed last year's sales volume," he said, adding they are expecting to end the day with higher volumes.

This year, quick commerce platforms Swiggy Instamart, Zepto and BigBasket also delivered silver and gold coins in partnership with jewellery retailers. They offered to deliver coins in 10 minutes. On Thursday, Swiggy Instamart said it has partnered with Malabar Gold & Diamonds and Muthoot Exim (Muthoot Pappachan Group) to offer customers the convenience of purchasing gold and silver coins directly on Swiggy Instamart.

# TVS Holdings to buy 80.74% stake in Home Credit India for ₹554 cr

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** @ New Delhi

CHENNAI-based TVS Holdings is acquiring 80.74% of the equity stake in Home Credit India Finance (HCIFPL) for ₹554 crore. The Board of TVS Holdings approved this proposal on Friday while stating that the remaining 19.26% of the equity will be purchased by Premji Invest and other associates.

This acquisition will help TVS Holdings to expand its presence in the consumer finance sector. Home Credit will operate as a subsidiary of TVS Holdings, maintaining its brand identity and focus on its unique customer segment.

Sudarshan Venu, Managing Director, TVS Holdings said, "Home Credit is a significant player in consumer financing with a lot of potential. Together with TVS Credit, the Group will now have a lending book of ₹31,000 crore, taking us closer to our book-size goal of ₹50,000 crore in the next three years. Collectively, we will now be serving 3 crore financial services customers across more than 90,000 touch points pan India."

Home Credit India is a part of the Home Credit Group, an international consumer finance provider. It entered the Indian market in 2012 and had an Assets under Management (AUM) of ₹5,535 crore as of March 31, 2024. During FY23-34, HCIFPL generated a turnover of ₹1,720 crore. The profit after tax came at ₹80 crore and it had a net worth of ₹1,922 crore.

## ASIANOMICS

### MALAYSIA

**HOLDS POLICY RATE AMID LOW INFLATION**

The central bank of Malaysia maintained its benchmark interest rate at 3% on Thursday. The Central Bank of Malaya chose not to follow the recent rate hikes by other South-east Asian countries. Bank Negara said the decision was in view of benign inflation and a optimistic growth outlook, which is underpinned by strong domestic expenditure and a recovering global economy.

Most economists predicted the overnight policy rate (OPR) will stay unchanged for the rest of the year, as they observed that the rate hike might not alleviate currency volatility. The recent experiences of some Asian central banks suggest that raising rates does not necessarily counteract the strengthening of the US dollar. The central bank said the monetary policy stance, at the current OPR level, remained supportive of the economy and aligned with its view of inflation and growth prospects. The central bank also expressed confidence in Malaysia's economic outlook, noting that recent indicators pointed towards robust economic activity in the January to March period.

### PHILIPPINE

**GDP GROWS 5.7% IN FIRST QUARTER OF 2024**

The economy of the Philippines grew less than expected in the first quarter of 2024, according to the government data released on Thursday. Weaker consumer spending offset a rebound in export growth. The country's GDP rose 5.7% in the first three months from the same period last year, an increase from the previous quarter's 5.5%. The first quarter's growth was higher than the 5.5% recorded in the preceding quarter. The government said it expects the economy to grow between 6.0% and 7.0% in April. The household spending slowed from the 5.3% expansion in the fourth quarter of 2023 but recorded a relatively solid increase of 4.6% in the first quarter. Exports of goods and services rose 7.5% in the latest quarter, recovering from the 2.5% decline recorded in the preceding quarter. Concerns over the country's economic prospects remain. El Nino, which brings dry weather and droughts, has hurt the agricultural sector, leading to higher food prices that quickened inflation for the third straight month in April to 3.8%.

### SOUTH KOREA

**HOECD RAISES GROWTH RATE TO 2.6%**

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) has raised the outlook for South Korea's economic growth this year to 2.6%, according to the country's finance ministry. It was a 0.4 percentage-point increase from its projection of 2.2% made in February. Earlier, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) had forecast growth outlook for South Korea at 2.3%. The government had projected a 2.2% growth and the Bank of Korea (BOK) presented a 2.1% forecast. The OECD said that growth is projected to strengthen following an economic "soft patch" on the back of rising exports of semiconductors. According to it, the domestic demand is forecast to recover starting the second half of this year as the central bank would likely cut interest rates, according to the ministry. The OECD also revised up the country's growth outlook for 2025 by 0.1 percentage point to 2.2%. The revision came after South Korea's gross domestic product advanced 1.3% on-quarter in the January-March period, the fastest growth in more than two years, according to BOK data. Exports gained for the seventh consecutive month in April, buoyed by strong global demand for chips.

# Mar industrial output growth slows down to 4.9%

**MONIKA YADAV** @ New Delhi

INDUSTRIAL growth decelerated to 4.9% in March from 5.7% in February, as per data from the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation released on Friday.

For the whole FY2424, Index of Industrial Production (IIP) grew 5.8%, up from 5.2% in the previous year. In March 2023, IIP had grown by 1.9%.

The slowdown in IIP in March as against February was mainly driven by mining sector, which saw a growth of 1.2%, significantly lower than the 8% rise recorded in February. Manufacturing (with 5.2% growth) and electricity (8.6%) sectors did support the IIP.

As per the data, the top three contributors to the growth of IIP in March 2024 within the manufacturing sector were basic metals (7.7%), pharma, medicinal chemical, and botanical products (16.7%), and other transport equipment (25.4%). Cumulative growth rates for the sectors of mining, manufacturing, and electricity for the period of FY24 over the corresponding period of the previous year were 7.5%, 5.5%, and 7.1%, respectively.

As per Aditi Nayar, Chief Economist, head research and outreach, ICRA, "IIP growth posted an expected dip to 4.9% in March 2024 from 5.6% in February 2024, as the leap-year effect faded. IIP growth was led by a robust expansion in electricity, with demand boosted by rising temperatures, and dampened by a feeble rise in mining output. Manufacturing growth rose to a five-month high, albeit on a very low base." Output of consumer durables grew by 9.5% whereas non-durables output growth turned positive rising by 4.9% following two consecutive months of contraction.

"Consumption scenario remained mixed in FY24 with urban demand showing resilience while rural demand continued to lag. Expectation of a good monsoon, moderating inflation, and signs of pick-up in rural demand are positives for the overall consumption scenario. ," says Rajani Sinha, chief economist, CareEdge Ratings.

# BPCL crude imports from Russia to fall in FY25, to buy 25% of total requirement

**RAKESH KUMAR** @ New Delhi

STATE-owned Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) said, in its investors call, it will import 25% of its total crude oil needs from Russia in FY 2024-25. Last fiscal, the company imported a total of around 36 million metric tonnes (MMT) of crude oil, of which nearly 39% came from Russia.

The expected cut in imports this year is due to moderation in discount offered by Russia. The company said it previously received a discount of nearly $8-$10 per barrel on Russian crude oil last year. This year, the discount is expected to be lower, potentially in the range of $3-$4 or $3-$6 per barrel.

"Compared to the 39% supply we received last year, do we expect to import around 25% this time, or perhaps a little lower?" the company said in an investor call for the quarter ending March 2024.

BPCL said the reason for cutting down the discount is now Russian crude is not in the over-supply zone of Russian crude like this year. Therefore, it is expecting moderate discounts only, not a very aggressive discount for Russian crude also. However, BPCL is said Russian crudes will continue to play a significant role in their throughput (total crude oil processing) in FY 2025-2026. "As of date we are foreseeing we will get the Russian supply, but the only thing is most of the Russian supplies are not on term basis, it is on spot basis. So, every two months, M-2 only we can plan it, if there is no new geopolitical tensions or there is no new issues, at least we are estimating the supply should continue at the consignment levels," said BPCL.

Indian oil marketing companies increased its import of Russian crude after Ukraine and Russia war in 2021. This comes after various sanctions imposed by US on Russia crude.

# Netweb to export computing items to US, Europe

**RAKESH KUMAR** @ New Delhi

NETWEB Technologies; a provider of servers, storage, and high-performance computing (HPC); will begin exporting its high-end computing products to the US, Europe, and the Middle East starting next year.

Sanjay Lodha, Chairman and MD of Netweb Technologies, speaking to the press during the inauguration of its flagship end-to-end, high-end computing server, storage, and switch manufacturing facility in Faridabad, said there is significant demand for its products both domestically and internationally.

"Our high-end computing products will be exported...but since these are mainly service-oriented products, we need to build service infrastructure in those countries before supplying the products," said Lodha.

## Q4FY24 RESULTS

# Tax credit, robust performance of JLR lift Tata Motors' net profit to ₹17.5K cr

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** @ New Delhi

AIDED by tax credit of ₹8,159 crore and robust performance of British subsidiary Jaguar Land Rover (JLR), Tata Motors Ltd (TML) on Friday reported a net profit of ₹17,407 crore for the quarter ending March (Q4FY24), a 222% rise compared to ₹5,408 crore net profit reported in the same quarter last year. Sequentially, profit grew 49% from ₹11,666 crore in Q3FY24.

The Mumbai-based automaker's revenue from operations surged 13.3% YoY in Q4FY24 to ₹1.20 lakh crore. Sequentially, revenue rose 8.6% from ₹1.10 lakh crore.

For the full financial year 2024, TML reported record revenues of ₹4.38 lakh crore and an all-time high net profit of ₹31,807 crore. The strong performance has helped to recognise a deferred tax asset of ₹8,300 crore at JLR and TML, the automaker said.

"The India business is now debt-free, and we are on track to become net automotive debt-free on a consolidated basis in FY25. The businesses are executing well on their distinct strategies and therefore, we are confident of sustaining this strong performance in the coming years," said PB Balaji, group CFO at Tata Motors.

However, Tata Motors expects a slowdown in demand during the H1FY25. "We remain cautiously optimistic on domestic demand over the full year and expect H1 to be relatively weaker. The premium luxury segment demand is likely to remain resilient despite emerging concerns on overall demand," the company said in its forward-looking statement.

JLR wholesales in the March quarter stood at 110,000, up 16% YoY. Revenue for the quarter was £7.9 billion, up 11% YoY. Revenues for FY24 were £29 billion- JLR's highest-ever full-year revenue and up 27% compared to the prior year.

# Goair, pension provisions drag down BoB earnings

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** @ Mumbai

AN additional ₹550 crore provision for bankrupt Goair, along with another ₹800 crore for pensions, has scuppered the overall numbers of Bank of Baroda, which on Friday reported a muted 2.3% growth in net income at ₹4,886 crore for the March quarter.

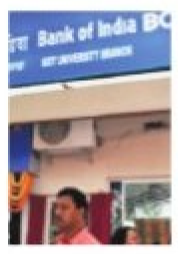
For the full financial year, the bank's net profit rose 26% to ₹17,789 crore from ₹14,110 crore in the preceding fiscal. Total income increased to ₹1,27,101 crore for the full year from ₹99,614 crore in the preceding fiscal. The management, led by chief executive Debadatta Chand, told reporters that the second-largest state-run bank has now fully provided for the Goair account, taking the overall provisions to ₹1,750 crore (having already made ₹1,200 crore earlier) but expressed confidence in "fully recovering the dues" claiming strong collaterals, even though the airline going by all indications is headed towards liquidation as no firm bids have come in so far apart from the fact that the regulator DGCA recently allowed lessors to take back their planes. That leaves only a land parcel in Thane as the only monetisable asset that the Wadias have. The land has a market value of around ₹1,200 crore.

Chand said one-third of the bank's exposure is covered by government guarantees under the ELCG scheme. But having lost the planes now, what it can claim from this account is the moot point.

The bank was also hit by a Dubai-based hospitality account of nearly ₹500 crore, which turned dud during the quarter, its chief financial officer Ian De Souza said.

Apart from these negative numbers, the overall asset quality of the bank improved during the quarter.

# BoI reports muted profit despite fall in NPA ratios



**Bad loan declines**

Bank of India's gross NPAs fell 23% from ₹37,686 crore to ₹29,183 crore and net NPAs declined by 15% from ₹8,054 crore to ₹6,845 crore

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** @ Mumbai

STATE-run banks continue to get weighed down by the wage and pension related provisions. Bank of India on Friday reported a muted 7% year-on-year growth in net income at ₹1,439 crore for the three months ending March.

Largest peer State Bank of India on Thursday said it had to make an additional provision to the tune of ₹7,100 crore towards pension settlements even though bank still managed to report the highest-ever earnings of ₹20,698 crore, which was up 24% over the same period previous year. Similarly, the second largest state-run lender Bank of Baroda earlier in the day reported a muted 2.3% net income growth, again weighed down by an ₹800 crore additional provisions towards pension liabilities.

Gross NPAs fell 23% from ₹37,686 crore to ₹29,183 crore and net NPAs declined by 15% from ₹8,054 crore to ₹6,845 crore. In percentage terms, gross NPAs improved by 233 bps from 7.31 to 4.98 and the net NPAs improved by 44 bps from 1.66 to 1.22. The provision coverage ratio stood at 90.59.

## Mbappe says he will leave PSG at end of season

Kylian Mbappe confirmed on Friday that he will leave French champions Paris Saint-Germain at the end of the season. "I wanted to announce to you all that it's my last year at Paris Saint-Germain. I will not extend and the adventure will come to an end in a few weeks," Mbappe said in a video posted on social media.



# Neeraj begins season with second-place finish behind Vadlejch

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

A COUPLE of days ahead of the Doha Diamond League, Neeraj Chopra's coach, Klaus Bartonietz, had said that first event of the season would always be tricky. The Olympic and world champion Neeraj, the world No 1 thrower, started the proceedings with a foul. It seemed a minor glitch in his matrix before he threw 84.93m in his second attempt. Conditions too were windy and the athletes were throwing with the wind unlike last year.

Yet, for a man who dwells on consistency and hard work, the distance would not have been to his liking. But considering it is the first competition of the year, it can be brushed aside as a blip on his consistency chart. After coming back from his elbow injury, consistency had been the 26-year-old's hallmark. Neeraj himself had admitted during the pre-event presser in Doha that he also considers this as his strength, even more than his eagerness to breach the 90m mark.

No wonder he looked glum even after throwing 86.24m in his third attempt. Neeraj is so

used to winning that even a second-place finish is not something he cherishes. May be considering it as a season opener, he would take it. And as he gets closer to Paris, he can find out the flaws and rectify it. His final attempt was the best. He touched 88.36m but finished behind Jakub Vadlejch (88.38m). However, Neeraj's second throw was not his best of the night; that came in his third attempt when he threw 86.24m to jump to second in the leaderboard behind Czech Republic's Vadlejch, who opened with 85.87m and was perched atop of the standing. Former world champion, Grenada's Anderson Peters, was behind Vadlejch with a throw of 85.75m after R2. Vadlejch, who crossed the 90m-mark two seasons ago, threw a monstrous 88.38m to remain in the lead.

Kishore Jena, who stunned the javelin world with a sixth-place finish at the Worlds in Budapest last year, managed a modest 75.72m and 76.31 before the field was cut to eight. The efforts were nothing near his personal best of 87.54m. Finland's Oliver Halendar was placed fourth.

Openers Gill and Sudharsan crack tons, help Gujarat prevail in must-win game vs Chennai

# Titanic display in Ahmedabad

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Chennai

ONE of the primary themes of the current Indian Premier League (IPL) season has been MS Dhoni's farewell tour (at least that's the buzz). Wherever CSK has gone, fans, most of whom who have no connection with Chennai, have draped themselves in the franchise's canary yellow, brought their whistles and belted out various renditions pertaining to the five-time champions. CeeEssKay. Dhoniiiiii, Dhoni etc. etc.

It was no different at the cavernous Stadium in Ahmedabad when they faced Gujarat Titans on Friday. Vast swathes of the Stadium decked in yellow from head to toe, Dhoni-centric motifs and yellow flags... you get the drift. It was a festival atmosphere. The same sort that prevailed on a manic, frenzied, rain-drenched Ahmedabad last year after Dhoni lifted the title by beating the same team.

On the field, though, a different tension hung in the air. This time out, it was the right to earn a playoff berth. For Gujarat, only a win would do. For the visitors, a loss would be good news for all the other teams vying for that fourth and final qualification spot.

When Ruturaj Gaikwad won the toss for only the second time this season, he was a relieved man. His luck had finally turned and he had no hesitation in inserting the opponents on what he thought was going to be a sticky wicket in the early phase of the match.

Unfortunately for him, Gujarat had also turned a corner. Shubman Gill and B Sai Sudharsan, the openers, rammed into the new-ball bowlers with a gusto rarely seen in this team. In the process, they set multiple batting records. Gill, who has a torrid time of it over the last few games, also raised his bat to bring up the 100th ton in the history of the league. His celebrations — a wild scream followed by a punch and a word that rhymes with duck — told its own story. Understandable too considering a very solid team in 2022 and 2023 have struggled to have the same kind of impact under his leadership. Moments after Gill's delight, Sudharsan raised his maiden IPL ton.

After a year of middling batting performances, the damn had been broken over 16 sensational overs. And it wasn't all power-hitting. In fact, Gill and Sudharsan, two players renowned for their touch play, did it their way. Even when they hit sixes, they caressed the ball as opposed to muscling or scything the ball. What was different from the earlier games was the timing and a sense of 'let's give this a good go so that even if we lose, we go out on our terms' attitude. That made all the difference as they made 58 in the powerplay alone, with four sixes. In the first 11 games of their campaign, they had only hit 12.

They were of course helped along the way as the visitors, devoid of their best pacers, struggled with their radar. Just after one of the massive sixes hit by Gujarat, the camera panned to a crying fan wearing Chennai's yellow paint on his cheeks. How the tables turned as a few hours later, Gujarat had triumphed by 35 runs. Chennai were always behind the eight ball as they never got going. Dhoni belatedly provided some fireworks at the end but it was a mere footnote.

**Brief scores:** Gujarat Titans 231/3 in 20 ovs (Sudharsan 103, Gill 104; Deshpande 2/33) **bt** Chennai Super Kings 196/8 in 20 ovs (Mitchell 63, Ali 56; Mohit 3/31, Rashid 2/38).

### KOLKATA SEEK BIG KNIGHT

KKR will become the first team to enter the playoffs if they beat MI. A look...

**Narine, Salt at the top**

The mercurial Sunil Narine and Phil Salt coming of age within the context of the IPL has made Kolkata a dynamic outfit in 2024. It has reflected in their average powerplay scores this year (68). They will look to do more damage.

**Starc vs Rohit**

Rohit Sharma's weakness against left-arm pace is well-known. He has already lost his wicket to left-arm pace this year and this battle could help Kolkata set the early tone.

**Will Bumrah be rested?**

From Mumbai's point of view, a car crash of a season will have the perfect ending if Jasprit Bumrah is rested because of the World Cup. He has almost been unhittable and they will need him if they have designs on not winning the wooden spoon.

KKR vs MI, Kolkata

Live on Star Sports and JioCinema, 7.30PM

Sai Sudharsan scored 51-ball 103 to give GT an explosive start vs CSK | SPORTZPICS

# DRAVID HAS TO REAPPLY FOR COACH'S JOB, SAYS JAY SHAH

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IT'S official. Rahul Dravid will have to reapply for the post of coach of the national team if he wishes to continue in the role. In a wide-ranging interaction with scribes in the office of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), Jay Shah, the body's secretary, also spoke about the Indian Premier League's (IPL) contentious Impact Player rule and the decision not to give central contracts to Shreyas Iyer and Ishan Kishan. Excerpts:

**• On Dravid remaining as coach**

We will call for applications in the next few days. Dravid's tenure is coming to an end. He has to reapply if he has to continue. We are looking for a long-term coach, for three years.

**• On the prospect of different coaches**

There is no precedent of different coaches for different format in Indian cricket. Besides, we have a number of players who are all-format players. There are many common players across formats such as Rishabh Pant, Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma. Ultimately, this is the Cricket Advisory Committee's (CAC) call. I have to implement what they decide.

**• On the team picked for the World Cup**

The team is leaving in two batches, those who will be free before (the playoffs) will leave on May 24. The rest of them will leave after the final. We have an experienced team; a better team couldn't have been selected. We have selected the best 15 players possible. We have a batting line up till Nos. 8 and 9. We have selected experienced players who can play in all conditions.

**• On if World Cup bound players need rest**

Why do you want to rest players? This is (as good as a) practice session, you cannot get any better opportunity (to prepare) than this. There is a cosmopolitan team in front of you, one team has a bowler from New Zealand, the other has a bowler from Australia and the next one has a bowler from Sri Lanka.

**• On Shah running for post of ICC chair**

Let me be here in BCCI. Let there be speculation. But let me be here (in the BCCI). Am I not doing a good job?

**• On the contracts of Shreyas and Ishan**

That decision lies with Ajit Agarkar, even when these two players (Ishan Kishan and Shreyas Iyer) who did not play domestic (cricket), the decision to drop them (from the central contracts list) was only his. My role is just to implement.

**• On IPL's Impact Player rule**

The Impact Player rule was brought in as a test case. On the bright side, it is providing additional playing opportunities to two Indian players. Isn't it important that two Indian players are getting a chance? But still, if the players feel that this is not alright we will speak on it. However, no one has said anything about it yet. After the IPL and the World Cup, we will have a meeting and decide.

EXPRESS READ

### Ireland pull off heist over Pakistan

DUBLIN: Ireland pulled off a thrilling last over heist to beat Pakistan in the first T20I on Friday. Chasing 183, the hosts needed 11 off the last over when Curtis Campher hit two boundaries off Abbas Afridi to take them home. **Brief scores:** Pakistan 182/6 in 20 ovs (Ayub 45, Babar 57; Iftikhar 37 n.o, Young 2/27) lost to Ireland 183/5 in 19.5 ovs (Balbirnie 77; Afridi 2/36).

### Senthilkumar, Rathika to lead Indian challenge

NEW DELHI: Men's national champion Velavan Senthilkumar and women's semifinalist Rathika Seelan will spearhead the Indian team at the 22nd Asian Team Squash Championships to be held in Dalian, China, from June 12-16. Abhay Singh, Rahul Baitha and Suraj Chand complete the men's line-up, while Pooja Arthi R, Sunita Patel and Janet Vidhi form the rest of the women's squad.

# Athletes specific support staff for Paris: Usha

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

THE Indian Olympic Association on Friday announced that athletes will get sports specific support staff during the Paris Olympics from July 26 to August 11. The IOA president, PT Usha, on Friday said that accommodation and other logistics is being taken care of in Paris and other venues.

As reported by this newspaper, the IOA is setting up a state-of-the-art medical unit for the athletes in Paris. The medical team will be headed by renowned sports medicine expert Dinshaw Pardiwala. There will be a slew of physios, masseurs and other support staff and for that they need accommodation close to the Games Village. Usha was on a visit to Paris recently to finalise the arrangements for athletes and support staff. Though the Games Village will accommodate all the athletes, but will not be able to fit in all the support staff. This is because of the International Olympic Committee and Paris Games Organising Committee rule that allows only a percentage of the total number of athletes inside Village.

The IOA is also arranging facilities close to the venues especially for golfers.

"We have been able to secure accommodation for a number of sports-specific support staff a short distance away from the Athletes' Village. We want to ensure no athletes are devoid of their support system and hence we have booked apartments in the vicinity," said Usha. "We have ensured that our shooters and golfers stay close to their respective venues."

"As an athlete and coach myself, I have seen the evolution of the support system for our athletes. They have become very professional in the approach to training and competition. It is for this reason that we will have apartments for the support staff," she said.

# Woman wrestler Nisha qualifies for Olympics

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

NISHA Dahiya on Friday became the fifth Indian woman wrestler to earn a quota for the 2024 Paris Olympics. The 25-year-old wrestler from Haryana entered the final of the 68kg weight category in the World Olympic Games Qualifier in Istanbul, Turkey thus securing the quota. She defeated Alexandra N Anghel of Romania 8-4 in the semifinal.

Nisha began her campaign with a 3-0 win over Alina Shauchuk (Individual Neutral Athletes) in the pre-quarterfinals. In the quarterfinal, she defeated Adela Hanzlickova of Czechia 7-4. Nisha finished fifth in the Asian Olympic Games Qualifier held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, last month.

The 2021 Under-23 World Championships silver medallist missed the Tokyo Olympics berth by a whisker when she finished third in the Asian Qualifier in 2021. Only the finalists were given the quota. She then finished seventh in the World Qualifier to miss out on a chance to compete in the Tokyo Olympics. Mansi, another Indian woman wrestler in the fray, however, lost her first bout in the pre-quarterfinals. She lost the bout to Veranika Ivanova (Individual Neutral Athletes) by fall as the contest got over in 25 seconds. Veranika then won the quarterfinal but lost the semifinal to Kriszta Tunde Incze of Romania. The loss ended Mansi's hope of making it to the play-off through repechage round.

As per the criteria, two finalists apart from the winner of the play-offs between two bronze medallists earn the Paris quota in each weight category. Earlier in the day, India's lone hope in men's Greco-Roman wrestling, Sunil Kumar (87kg), won a bout and lost another in the repechage round to bow out of contention. Sunil's loss meant India would go unrepresented in the Greco-Roman category in the 2024 Olympics.

Meanwhile, six freestyle wrestlers from the country will be in action on Saturday. Aman Sehrawat has been given a bye in the first round and will begin his campaign in the pre-quarterfinals against one of the qualifiers from the previous round. Sujeet Kalkal will face Umidjon Jalolov of Uzbekistan in the 1/16 round. Like Aman, Jaideep's opponent in the 1/16 round of the 74kg will be decided through the previous qualification round. Tokyo Olympian Deepak Punia will take on Zushen Lin of China in the 86kg in the round of 1/16 while his namesake Deepak will face Magomedgadji Omardibirovich Nurov of North Macedonia in the qualification round. Sumit Malik (125kg) will be up against Aaron Anthony Johnson of Jamaica in the qualification round.

# Harmanpreet & Co gain valuable insights

KALYANI MANGALE @Chennai

WHEN India's five T20I match tour of Bangladesh was announced, the bugle for preparing for the upcoming T20 World Cup was officially blown. After three white-ball series losses on home soil since taking over as head coach, albeit against better-ranked teams, Amol Muzumdar had to let bygones be bygones and start fresh after another successful season of the Women's Premier League (WPL) in March.

One of the lessons from the WPL was even seen in a way the squad was selected for the tour. Muzumdar had mentioned creating a pool of players from the franchise league, while captain Harmanpreet Kaur had spoken about how players who want to make it to the World Cup squad can use performances in WPL as a launch pad. On the back of their outing in the WPL, Sajeevan Sajana and Asha Sobhana got their maiden call-ups for the national side, while in the absence of Jemimah Rodrigues, Dayalan Hemalatha got the opportunity to make her comeback. Radha Yadav, who last played for India in the T20 World Cup in 2023, also found a place in the squad. All of these players were rewarded for their consistency in the WPL.

Once the series started, the players repaid this trust with some eye-catching performances, thereby helping the team win 5-0. Radha Yadav was at her best as she bagged 10 wickets in the series and won the Player of the Series award. The inclusion of the likes of Yadav, Asha and Shreyanka Patil meant that India did not have to use part-time spinners like Shafali Verma and Kaur herself as they did in the previous tour of Bangladesh. There was enough bowling depth for Kaur and it felt like a step closer to having a role clarity for players. In the pace department, alongside Renuka Singh Thakur and Pooja Vastrakar, young Titas Sadhu also got a taste of the challenge of foreign conditions.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

### SPOTLIGHT ON PREMIER TITLE FIGHT

Familiar foes Manchester United could stand between Arsenal and the Londoners taking the fight to the EPL title to the final day. A look at the games that may decide the title before the final day of the season...

**Fulham vs Man City**

The holders have been playing catch-up for a long time but they have opportunity to set the tone. This game kickstarts the weekend's festivities and if Pep Guardiola's men win, they will go two points clear at the top of the summit. History suggests that they will have no problems in getting the result they need; City have won each of the last 15 games against the Cottagers.

5.00 PM, Saturday

**Man United vs Arsenal**

Arsenal, who are the current leaders by a point but have played a game more, will have the opportunity to go back to the top of the table with a win assuming City do the business a day earlier. But they have a horror record at Man United, having won there just once in the league since 2007. If City win and Arsenal lose, City will win the title if they win against Tottenham in the midweek fixture.

9.00 PM, Sunday

How things stand...

| Teams | M | W | D | L | PTS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Arsenal | 36 | 26 | 5 | 5 | 83 |
| Man City | 35 | 25 | 7 | 3 | 82 |

**Remaining fixtures:** **Man City:** vs Fulham (Saturday), vs Tottenham (Tuesday), vs West Ham (May 19)
**Arsenal:** vs Man United (Sunday), vs Everton (May 19)

# *Leverkusen advance to Europa final, keep record going*

AFP @Leverkusen

BAYER Leverkusen are through to the Europa League final 4-2 on aggregate after a stoppage-time goal from Josip Stanisic snatched a 2-2 draw at home on Thursday, extending their unbeaten run to a record 49 games. In a rematch of last season's Europa League semifinal, Roma came to Leverkusen 2-0 down after the first leg but levelled the tie up despite having little possession thanks to penalties in each half from Leandro Paredes.

With the tie heading for extra time, Alex Grimaldo curled in a corner which goalie Mile Svilar failed to catch, the ball going into the net after bouncing off Roma defender Gianluca Mancini. Stanisic then kept Leverkusen's stunning record of late goals alive by scoring on the counter in the seventh minute of added time, breaking Benfica's European unbeaten record dating back to 1965.

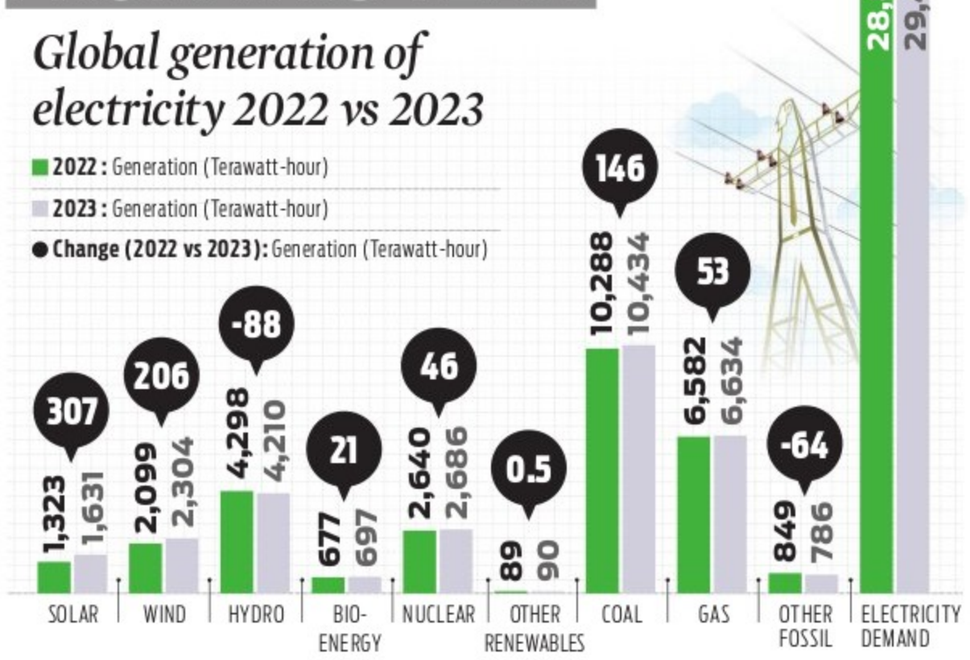
Bayer Leverkusen's players celebrate their win over ASC Roma | AFP

"There were tense moments but it showed the personality and the mentality of the team," Leverkusen boss Xabi Alonso told RTL. Bundesliga champions Leverkusen will meet Atalanta, who beat Marseille 3-0 (4-1 on aggregate), in the final in Dublin on May 22 with hopes of a remarkable treble still alive.

In the Europa Conference League, Olympiakos will face Fiorentina in the summit clash. The Greek side eased past Aston Villa 2-0 to clinch an aggregate win of 6-4 while the Italian outfit beat Club Brugge 4-3 over the two legs (1-1 in the 2nd leg).

India is working with countries to regulate tourism in Antarctica. It will be discussed at the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting and a meeting of the Committee for Environmental Protection in Kochi from May 20 to May 30

# FOSSIL GENERATION MAY SEE DECLINE FROM THIS YEAR


Global generation of electricity 2022 vs 2023
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2023 : Generation (Terawatt-hour)
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HYDRO -88 4,298 4,210
BIO-ENERGY 21 677 697
NUCLEAR 46 2,640 2,686
OTHER RENEWABLES 0.5 89 90
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GAS 53 6,582 6,634
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**S V KRISHNA CHAITANYA** @ Chennai

AT the UN's COP28 climate change conference in December, countries reached an historic agreement to triple global renewables capacity by 2030. The target would see the world reach 60% renewable electricity, almost halving power sector emissions and putting the world on a pathway aligned with the 1.5°C climate goal.

While many were skeptical initially, the 'distant' target seems to be in sight. According to a report by London-based global energy think tank Ember, renewables generated a record 30% of global electricity in 2023, mainly driven by the growth in solar and wind. The forecast shows 2024 would be the first year with falling fossil generation, marking 2023 as the likely peak of power sector emissions. The report titled 'Global Electricity Review' provides the first comprehensive overview of the global power system in 2023 based on country-level data. It is the world's first open dataset on electricity generation covering 80 countries representing 92% of global electricity demand, as well as historic data for 215 countries. The analysis also includes data for 13 geographic and economic groupings, such as Africa, Asia, the EU and the G7. It also dives deeper into the top six $CO_2$ emitting countries and regions, which account for over 72% of global power sector emissions.

In 2023, solar generation saw a vertical growth of 23%, wind 10%, while fossil fuel generation grew by just 0.8%. The report said China was the main contributor last year, accounting for 51% of the additional global solar generation and 60% of new global wind generation. Other major contributors to global wind growth include the EU (24%) and Brazil (7%), while global solar growth was provided by the EU (12%) and the US (11%). Together the top four solar growth economies – China, the EU, the US and Brazil – accounted for 81% of solar power growth in 2023. Combined with nuclear, the world generated almost 40% of its electricity from low-carbon sources in 2023. As a result, the $CO_2$ intensity of global power generation reached a new record low, 12% lower than its peak in 2007, the report said.

Dave Jones, one of the lead authors and Global Insights Programme Director of Ember, said: "The renewables future has arrived. Solar, in particular, is accelerating faster than anyone thought possible. The decline of power sector emissions is now inevitable. 2023 was likely the pivot point – peak emissions in the power sector – a major turning point in the history of energy. There's an unprecedented opportunity for countries that choose to be at the forefront of the clean energy future."

### India: Path towards net zero

While India overtook Japan to become the third-largest solar power generator in 2023, providing 5.9% of global growth in solar, the country's power sector emissions are expected to increase for several years until clean sources grow fast enough to meet all of the rise in electricity demand.

The Indian government has set out ambitious renewables targets, which will see solar generation reach 602 TWh and wind generation reach 237 TWh by 2030. Achieving these targets would require an annual growth rate of 27% for solar and 16% for wind, which was achieved in 2023.

India is one of the few countries planning to triple renewable capacity by 2030, aiming for 509 GW. According to Ember analysis, annual capacity additions need to significantly increase for India to meet this capacity target. Individual states like Gujarat, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu etc are attracting a lot of investments in renewables.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin has set an ambitious target to achieve net-zero emission before 2070 and recently the state was first to come out with greenhouse gas inventory.

The Ember's report said India's solar generation has been increasing significantly over the last two decades, from just 0.01 TWh in 2000 to 113 TWh in 2023. Most of the growth came in the past five years. Generation in 2023 was 17 times larger than in 2015 (6.6 TWh). Solar more than doubled (+145%, +67 TWh) since 2019. However, coal has accounted for the largest rise since 2000, increasing by nearly four times (+1,090 TWh) from 390 TWh in 2000 to 1,480 TWh in 2023.

As a result, India's power sector emissions have also more than tripled since 2000. However, had wind and solar generation not grown over the last two decades and this demand had been met by coal, India's power sector emissions in 2023 would have been 13% higher. Given the current growth of electricity demand and coal generation, emissions are unlikely to peak soon. But still, India's per capita emissions from the power sector are the fourth lowest in the G20, despite high coal reliance.

### Clean energy will outweigh demand

2024 will likely see a fall in power sector emissions, as bumper growth in clean generation is likely to outweigh higher electricity demand growth. The Ember analysis forecasts that electricity demand will increase significantly by 968 TWh in 2024. But clean generation will likely grow even faster, adding an estimated 1,300 TWh in 2024, which is more than double the increase in 2023 (+493 TWh). As a result, Ember estimates fossil generation is set to decline slightly by 333 TWh or 2% in 2024.

The latest solar forecast from BloombergNEF and wind forecast from Global Wind Energy Council shows renewables continue to rise from the record levels in 2023, throughout this decade. Almost 90% of the forecast rise in clean generation is driven by solar and wind additions, with nuclear, hydro, bioenergy and geothermal making up most of the rest. Even if the annual increase in demand rises from the historic 2.5% per year to the 3.5% increase envisaged by 2030 in the IEA Net Zero Emissions scenario, clean generation is forecast to rise even more, reducing fossil fuel consumption and power sector emissions.

## POLLUTION TRACKER

| Rank | City, Country | AQI |
|---|---|---|
| 01 | Shenmu, China | 716 |
| 02 | Zangjiakou, China | 699 |
| 03 | Chengde, China | 681 |
| 04 | Kashgar, China | 629 |
| 05 | Raichur, India | 565 |
| 06 | Baotou, China | 527 |
| 07 | Gadwal, India | 510 |
| 08 | Xiping, China | 484 |
| 09 | Chifeng, China | 468 |
| 10 | Ndjamena, Chad | 435 |

*At 8.17pm IST*

### INDIAN CITIES

| City | AQI |
|---|---|
| Chennai | 53 |
| Vishakhapatnam | 51 |
| Hyderabad | 61 |
| Bhubaneshwar | 61 |
| New Delhi | 194 |
| Bengaluru | 128 |
| Kochi | 30 |

**Air Quality Index Scale**

● Good 0-50 ● Moderate: 51-100 ● Poor: 101-200 ● Unhealthy: 201-300 ● Severe: 301-400 ● Hazardous: 401-500

Source: AQI



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# A daughter's farewell

This Mother's Day, filmmaker Seetha Ratnakar pays tribute to her mother Vinjamuri Anasuya Devi by chronicling the iconic Telugu folk singer's journey

POOJA DAS

EVEN though I knew my mother was a prodigy, I didn't give her the importance she deserved until she was in her late 80s," says documentarian Seetha Ratnakar, who decided to pay tribute to her mother, the renowned singer **Vinjamuri Anasuya Devi** after she passed away in 2019, at the age of 99. Ratnakar's documentary *Asamana Anasuya* encapsulates the life of her mother in the world of Telugu folk music. "When I heard people like SP Balasubrahmanyam talk about her, I realised I should do something'," says Ratnakar, who started filming in 2006, hoping to someday create a documentary. She ruefully adds, "I never thought about it till I lost my mother."

The documentary films Anasuya Devi's journey in her words, interspersed with footage of performances and interviews of other artistes who had known her through her work, including Carnatic singers Priya sisters, classical dancers Vasanthalakshmi Narasimhachari, Padma Subrahmanyam, and singer S Janaki. "When I finally heard the 20 hours of recording, I realised that my mother had covered almost a century of a musical journey coming from a place called Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh," shares Ratnakar. Despite the lack of formal platforms and the hurdles posed by societal norms of the time, the documentary showcases Anasuya Devi's relentless pursuit, travelling from the quaint settings of her hometown to the bustling studios of Madras and Calcutta, recording on the gramophone. "It's inspiring to anyone who believes that women who put their heart and soul into doing something, always do," she says.

The harmonium, a constant companion in Anasuya Devi's life, is used in the docu as a narrative voice. "It came into her life when she was five and she wanted it by her when she passed on; so I decided on the harmonium as a character telling that story," she says.

***(Asmana Anasuya will be screened on May 12, 6.30pm at BIC, Domlur)***


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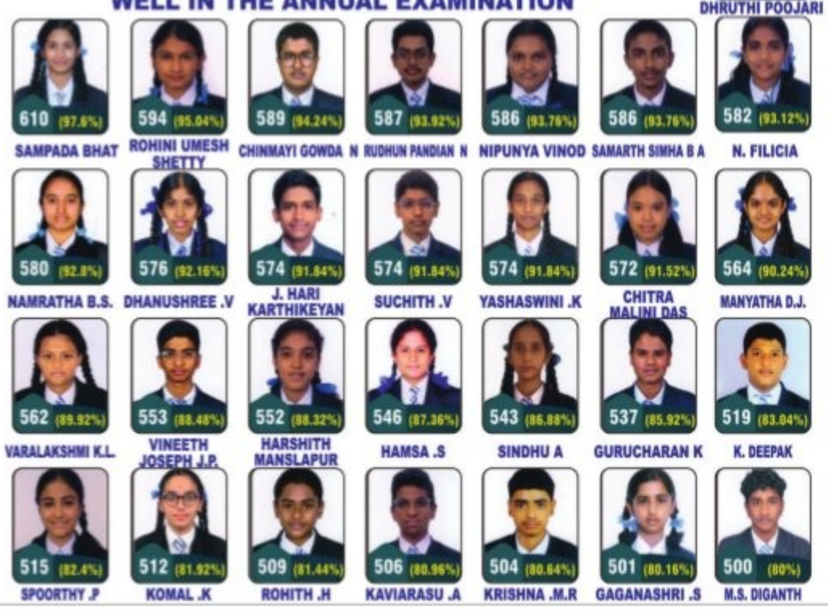
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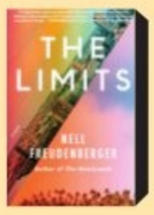
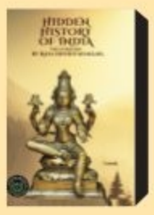
### Knife: Meditations After an Attempted Murder
**By Salman Rushdie**

This autobiography speaks about Rushdie's personal life, journey as an author, and the aftermath of his murder attack in 2022, when he was giving a speech on keeping the writers in the world free from harm.



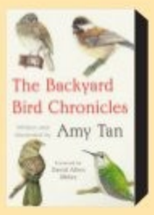

### The Limits
**By Nell Freudenberger**

Revolves around a high school teacher who exerts to connect with her husband's daughter from his first marriage and one of her teenage students who parents a toddler, leading her to question her motherhood abilities.




### Hidden History Of India – The Other Side
**By Rasa Dhuriyan**

The author takes us into our unspoken and forgotten past through the history of the ancient temples in India by researching the stone carvings, inscriptions, statues, and pillars in order to bring out the testimony of our past rulers.




### The Backyard Bird Chronicles
**By Amy Tan**

A book on bird watching and sensing the nature around us, illustrated with sketches of the birds in the author's neighbourhood, puts questions on the state our world has made upon nature.

**BLING!**

Actors Nishvika Naidu and Ashika Ranganath add a touch of glamour to a newly-opened luxe jewellery store in Jayanagar on Akshaya Tritiya | HEWIN BYJU

## QUICKFIX

# BROCCOLI-PEAS SANDO

Contributed by **Arya Santhosh**, Kollam

### INGREDIENTS
- **Bread slices:** 8
- **Green peas:** 1 cup
- **Broccoli florets:** 1½ cups
- **Shredded cheese:** 1 cup
- **Crushed pepper:** ½ tsp
- **Red chilli flakes:** ½ tsp
- **Salt:** A pinch
- **Minced garlic:** 1 tbsp
- **Olive oil:** 1 tsp
- **Butter:** For toasting the bread

### METHOD
- Boil broccoli florets and green peas in a pan and put them into a pot filled with cold water. Then mix them in a grinder.
- Take a pan, add oil, and heat it. To it, add minced garlic and the broccoli and pea mixture.
- Saute and add salt, pepper, and red pepper. Mix everything and put it on a plate until it reaches room temperature and add cheese to it.
- Brush butter on the bread, add some filling on one side of the bread, and cover it with another slice.
- Toast them in a pan. Serve with sauce or dip.

## REGIONAL

**MANJUMMEL BOYS** (Malayalam)

A group of friends faces a string of unexpected misadventures while on a vacation trip to Kodaikanal, Tamil Nadu, India.

**Cast:** Soubin Shahir, Sreenath Bhasi, Balu Varghese

- **Watch on:** Disney+ Hotstar

**AAVESHAM** (Malayalam)

Three teens come to Bangalore for their engineering education and get involved in a fight. Hence, they find a local gangster to help them take revenge.

**Cast:** Fahadh Faasil, Hipzster, Mithun Jai Shankar

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

## FOREIGN

**THE IDEA OF YOU** (English)

A 40-year-old single mom begins an unexpected romance with a 24-year-old boy band singer.

**Cast:** Anne Hathaway, Nicholas Galitzine, Ella Rubin

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

**SUBSCRIPTION**

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# PRASARITA PADOTTANASANA ADHO MUKHA SVANASANA

**The Wide Legged Forward Fold Pose Downward Facing Dog Pose Arms is a variation of Prasarita Padottanasana (Wide Legged Forward Bend Pose) and is a great standing-forward fold pose for the whole body – from hips to your spine to your fingers and toes.**

### STEPS
- Start with Tadasana, inhale, and place your hands on your waistline, keeping your feet wide for around 4-5 feet.
- Tighten the quadriceps by pulling up the knee-caps.
- Press the heels and bring the tailbone down.
- Turn the big toes slightly to build a stronger foundation.
- Inhale and lift the chest up by tucking your stomach in. Exhale, and bend half way down.
- Place your palms on the floor in line with your shoulders and in between your feet.
- Slowly walk your hands in front and stretch the arms like in Downward Facing Dog Arms. Spread the fingers and firmly press down through your palms and knuckles.
- Keep the elbows straight, rotate the arms, and stretch your back upwards.
- Draw the chest towards the thighs, continue to lengthen the spine, and move downwards. Relax your head and look down.
- Continue breathing deep and soft. Inhale to keep the body loose, and exhale to lengthen the spine downward. Stay here for 3-5 breaths, initially.
- To release, lift your head up and, by inhaling gently, walk back with your hands in a half-forward fold.
- Inhale and place your hands back on the waist. Come back up in a standing position and exhale completely.
- Gently bend your knees, hop, or walk into Tadasana.
- Neutralise your body by extending or stretching in Backbend Pose or in Balasana.

### BENEFITS
- Opens the hamstrings, calf, arms, shoulders, and spinal muscles.
- Lengthens the spine and strengthens the legs.
- Keeps the upper back and rib cages active, hence keeping the body stable and balanced.
- Can be included in yoga for students who are active in sports, especially ones that involve lower body strength and flexibility.
- Opens the sides of the body allowing the expansion of lungs.
- Helps relieve conditions like sinusitis and asthma.
- Can be included in yoga for teens/kids and working professionals, who sit all day long with hunched back.
- Increases the blood flow in the body.
- Helps calm the nervous system, relieves stress, and improves concentration.
- Energises and rejuvenates the entire body.
- Keeps the abdominal muscles active.
- Stimulates the internal organs.

### LIMITATIONS
- Students who have undergone any recent abdominal surgery or have acute shoulder pain, dislocated shoulders, injuries in the legs, hips, knees, ankles, shoulders, arms, wrists, or lower back should avoid this pose.
- Those suffering from high blood pressure, heart disease, a weak spine, back pain, a cold or sinusitis, pain in the wrists or having weak wrists, an elbow or knee joint, or vertigo should take it slow under the guidance of a yoga expert.
- While seniors can practise this slowly, pregnant women must avoid it.

**By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai**

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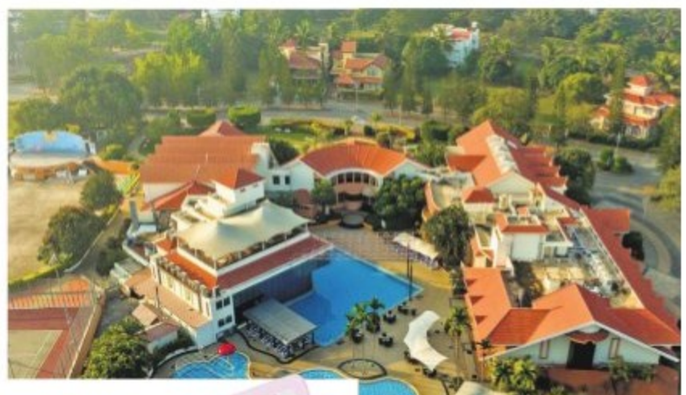


### A Queen's Brunch

Treat your mother to a delightful feast this mother's day with a 50 per cent discount for all mothers. Indulge in a basket of freshly-baked delights, flavourful salads, delectable desserts and an array of main course delicacies, including Amrisari chole, and more.

**When:** May 12, 12pm-3pm
**Where:** Ambrosia, Clarks Exotica Bangalore, Swiss Town
**Call:** 9686536667

### Bloom Like Royalty

Treat your mother to timeless beauty with this luxurious cosmetic collection. Grab the perfect eye palette, ombre blush, lip pencil and radiate with vibrant, long lasting formulas.

**Price:** ₹1,030 - ₹2,440
**Details:** moirabeauty.in

### Delightful Meal

Treat your mom to a relaxing day with dishes like Emilian lelizia pasta, cold poha, and delightful drinks, while the cupcake station adds a personal touch as a token of your love.

**When:** May 12, 12.30pm-4pm
**Where:** Sheraton Grand Bangalore Hotel, Brigade Gateway
**Call:** 8792493438



### Culinary Tribute

Enjoy a culinary journey with your mother as you indulge in dishes like pizza bianca, coq au vin, seabass meuniere, and a selection of handpicked desserts. Experience the beautiful ambiance and heartfelt touches, such as staff wearing t-shirts with their mothers' names, making it a perfect setting to honour your mother.
**When:** May 12, 1pm-4pm
**Where:** Cubbon Pavilion, ITC Gardenia, Ashok Nagar
**Call:** 080-22119898

### Simple Pleasures

Book a relaxing weekend for your mom with a stay package that offers a day filled with complimentary breakfast, spa vouchers, a brunch menu that features an array of delicacies and more.
**When:** May 12
**Where:** Embassy Golf Links Business Park, Challaghatta
**Call:** 8050313003

### Splendid Feast

Unfurl a culinary delight with Jamaican chicken, fresh mango tart, raspberry cheese delight, and more with a 25 per cent discount for mothers. A relaxing eye massage has also been included in the package.
**When:** May 12, 12pm-3.30pm
**Where:** Hotel Royal Orchid, Domlur
**Call:** 9902000022

### Glam Up

Gift your mother shades of beauty with Tinge's four unique curated sets containing face wash, moisturiser, lip balm, mascara, eyeliner at a discount this mother's day. These vegan beauty products are suitable for all skin types.

**Price:** ₹1,299 onwards [with discount]
**Details:** tingestore.com

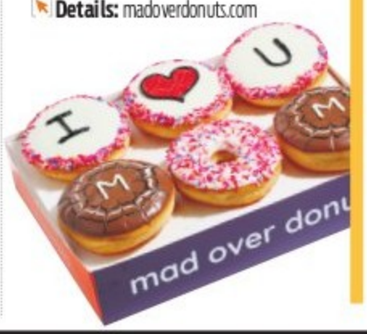
### A Gourmet Affair

Treat the remarkable women in your life to an extravagant Mother's Day brunch. Savour dishes like Crown jewel of lamb, Tandoori murgh, and an exotic mezze bar, along with a sushi station and special desserts like Persian love cake and salted honey cheesecake. Go for a celebration filled with love, warmth, and culinary delights
**When:** May 12, 12.30pm-3.30pm
**Where:** Raj Pavilion, ITC Windsor
**Call:** 9740984098

### Sweet Love

Serve your mother yummy donuts, including a delightful box of six, an endearing trio with 'mom' inscribed on each, or an expansive 35 bite-sized donut delight where you can add your personalised message, embodying your love.

**When:** May 12
**Where:** All Mad Over Donuts stores
**Details:** madoverdonuts.com




## ARTCORNER

# FROZEN IN TIME

*CE* reader SLA Aishwarya sketches an image of princess Elsa from the Disney film *Frozen*, portraying her detachment with precision

## GRUB HUB

**Aslam Gafoor** (@aslamgafoor) is a hospitality professional with experience in business development, sales and marketing with well-known hotels, and food and beverage companies. A few of his passions are travel, food and wine, and he enjoys sharing these experiences as a columnist.

**THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY**

Send answers to **bengalurucity express@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Food quiz'** The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE* on Monday. The first-prize winner will receive a voucher for a one-month subscription worth ₹3,000 from Suay- Asian Cafe **

1. What traditional Middle-Eastern summer drink is made from yoghurt, water, and salt?
2. What Mexican snack is made from soaked maize kernels and seasoned with lime and chilli powder?
3. What Latin American summer drink is made by blending fruit, water, and sweetener?

## NUGGETS

### Eye hospital to inaugurate new facility on May 12

Saradev Eye Hospital is opening a new facility aimed at providing affordable eye care at Ashoka Pillar Road, Jayanagar on May 12. The event will feature Justice N Santosh Hegde, former Solicitor General of India, as the chief guest. Sudarshan, a Padma Shri awardee and tribal activist, along with Tadyuktananda Maharaj, warden, Ramakrishna Vidyarthi Mandira, will also be present as guests of honour. Saradev Eye Hospital covers various specialties such as cataract, cornea, glaucoma, paediatric ophthalmology, and more.

### Pop-up of Delhi's Indo-Japanese restaurant in the city

The Zen at The Leela Palace, Old Airport Road, will be hosting a pop-up by Inja, a contemporary Indo-Japanese restaurant from Delhi, on May 15 and 16, 7pm onwards. The brainchild of chef-partner **Adwait Anantwar**, the pop-up will allow Bengalureans to savour the chef's curated menu, which aims to preserves the Japanese visual aesthetics while remaining approachable to Indian sensibilities.

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## XPRESS FOCUS SMD INITIATIVE

# Healing Champions: HOSMAT's Essential Role in Cricket's Biggest Matches

**DR. THOMAS A. CHANDY**

HOSMAT stands for "Hospital for Orthopaedics, Sports Medicine Arthroscopy/Arthroplasty, and Accident Trauma." The hospital has been providing medical services to the Karnataka State Cricket Association and players for all international cricket matches for 20 years, playing a major role in the treatment and rehabilitation of injured players.

The hospital is fully equipped and has handled various injuries of Indian and international players. It boasts a state-of-the-art Physiotherapy department to treat players. It houses 15 orthopaedic specialists, 20 well-qualified visiting orthopaedic surgeons, 2 neurosurgeons, 250 beds, and 12 operating theaters. It also features high-resolution MRI, CT scanner, Ultra Sound X-ray Fluoroscopy (C-Arms), which are available within 10 minutes from the stadium.

At the Chinnaswamy stadium, doctors and staff from the hospital are stationed in the Players' Medical Room (PMR) with two consultants in Orthopaedics and Emergency Medicine, and one anaesthesia consultant. For all international cricket matches, other major matches, and national football tournaments, the hospital provides emergency equipment needed during the matches, such as the latest Portable digital x-ray machine, Portable Ventilator, Oxygen cylinders, Defibrillator, Cardiac Monitor, Pulse oximeter, and other basic equipment to check BP and temperature. It also offers suturing sets, dressing sets, splints of various sizes, knee braces, spine braces, arm slings, hand splints, etc.

HOSMAT HOSPITALS Your Life Matters

A total of 12 staff are present on all days of major matches. Orthopaedic and sports medicine specialists provide care for all knee, ankle, hip, back, and shoulder injuries. For knee and shoulder arthroscopy (keyhole surgery), ACL & PCL Ligament tears, Meniscus tear in the knee are treated. Arthroscopy of the shoulder is provided for Rotator muscle tear and labral (Cartilage tear), and all fractures are treated non-invasively.

In a nutshell, the hospital is best equipped to take care of players' injuries and medical problems at Chinnaswamy stadium during all international matches, providing the best services since 1993.

Key Indian players treated at HOSMAT during the International Cricket matches in last 20 years are: MS Dhoni, Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma, Hasprit Bumrah, Shreys Iyer, Axar Patil, Manish Pandey, K L Rahul, Ravindra Jadeja, Mohammed Shami, Hardik Pandya, Mohammed Siraj, Shuman Gill, Suresh Raina, Yuvraj Singh, Harbajan Singh, Rahul Dravid, SMH Kirmani, Nayan Mongia, VVS Lakshman, Gautham Gambhir, R P Singh, Venkatesh Prasad, Mohammed Azzaruddin, Sanjay Manjrekar, Sunil Joshi, Ajith Wadekar, G R Vishwanath, B S Chandrashekar, Manoj Prabhakar among others.

Bangladesh National cricket players: Animol Naimur Rehman, Mehrab Hossain, Hassibul Hussain, Sahisuddin Ahmed , Masafree Bin Mortaza and Mohammad Hussain.

Pakistan National cricket players: Sahaheen Afridi , Abdullah Shafique , Shoaib Malik, & Shoaib Akhtar.

England Cricket Players: Andrew Flintoff & Paul Collinwood

Women Cricketers: Harmanpreet Kaur, Mithali Raj, Smriti Mandhan, Dipti Sharma, Shreyanka Patil and Vrinda Dinesh.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANGE OF NAME

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **Arbin Taj, aged about 35 years, W/o Syed Zameer residing at No. 29, 7th Cross, Someshwaranagar, Jayanagar 1st Block, Bangalore- 560011 have changed my name from ARBINA TAJ to ARBIN TAJ vide affidavit dated 25.04.2024 sworn before Notary S. Jayanth.**

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **SATHISH** S/o Gowdegowda, aged about 40 years, r/at R.R. Nagara, Sonde koppa, 4th Block, Near Lakshmi Temple, Dasanapura, Bangalore-562162, My name is **SATHISH G** as mentioned my Aadhar & Pan card. Education Certificate my name is mentioned **SATHISHA G.** both names is belong to the same person. I hereby declare thorugh this affidavit tothe concerned authorities to consider my name as **SATHISH G.** vide affidavit dated 8-5-2024 sworn before Advocate & Notary Mohammed Hussain K, Kengeri Upanagara, Bangalore-60.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **KRISHNAIAH SURA** S/o **RAMA SUBBA REDDY,** (ALIAS) **RAMASUBBAIAH** R/at No. F 7057, T-07, Prestige Sunrise Park- Norwood, New Town Road, E City, Phase 1, Bangalore- 560100 have changed my name to **KRISHNA REDDY SURA** vide affidavit dated: 19/5/2024 Before Notary **Ganesh Gowda M.V** Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **Mrs. SHWETA CHELLARAM,** W/o. Puneet Chaturbhuj Samant, Resident of No. 901, 9th Floor, Esteem Classic Apartment, No. 147/A, Near Iscon Temple, Rajajinagar, Sub Industrial Area, Bangalore-560022, do hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from **KRISHNA PUNEET SAMANT** to **KRISHNA CHELLARAM SAMANT,** vide affidavit dated 09.05.2024, sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **MANJUSHA VIJAYKUMAR BODELE** W/o Vijay Mukund Bodele have changed my name to **MANJUSHA VIJAY BODELE** vide Deed No.IN-KA00265355818785W dated 09/05/2024 sworn before Notary H.K.Gopala Gowda, Reg. No.12254, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **(OLD NAME) SHAIK ABDUL SUBHAN SHABANA BEGUM** residing at No.16/5, 5th Main, 5th Cross, Patel Down, Rahmathnagar, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru-560032, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SHAIK ABDUL SUBHAN SHABANA BEGUM** to **(NEW NAME) SHABANA BEGUM** vide affidavit dated 09.05.2024 sworn before Notary Fahim Unnisa, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **MOHAMMED YASEEN MOHAMMED MANSOOR,** S/o. Mohammed Yaseen, residing at #735, Flat No.401, 4th Floor, Vensaelite Apartment, 8th Main Road,3rd Phase, J.P.Nagar, Bengaluru 560078, have changed my name to **MOHAMMED MANSOOR,** vide Affidavit Dated: 09/05/2024, sworn before Notary **MEER HASSAN,** Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **NAREN BARADE SIVAJI,** aged about 37 years, S/o Sivaji, R/at No.126, 16th Cross, J.P. Nagar, Bangalore - 560078.
I have changed my name from **"NAREN B. S"** to **"NAREN BARADE SIVAJI"** by an affidavit sworn before Notary **B. Prasanna,** Dated: **08-05-2024** at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **MOHAN KUMAR .D,** S/o. Sri Dhanasekar, aged about 43 years, residing No. 56, 1st Main Road, 2nd Phase, Manjunath Nagar, Bengaluru North, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010., do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter name from **JAISHNA M.** to **SANVIKA .M,** vide affidavit dated 09.05.2024, sworn to before Manohar Jeerige, Advocate & Notary, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **QUAZI M N HAFIZ,** aged about 41 years, R/a A6-154, DLF Westend Heights Apartments, Akshayanagar, Begur, Bangalore-560068., I declare that, my son's name mentioned in all documents that is in **QUAZI HAMMAD HAFIZ,** and **HAMMAD** are of one and same person, pertains to my son only I further declare that, correct and full name is **QUAZI HAMMAD HAFIZ,** vide affidavit dated 9/5/2024 sworn to before B.M.Chandrashekar advocate and notary Bangalore

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **(OLD NAME) WAHEEDA BEGUM** residing at No.55, Lubbay Masjid Road, Shivajinagar Bangalore, North Po HKP Road, Bangalore-560051, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) WAHEEDA** vide affidavit dated 09.05.2024 sworn before Notary C.Sharada, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **GOPALA AJJANAGADDE,** S/o. Late Ajjanagadde Jayarama, Aged about 64 years, resident of 'Krishna' No.65, 20th Main, Padma nabhanagar, Bengaluru-560070, have changed my name from **GOPALA AJJANAGADDE** to **GOPAL AJJANAGADDE (A GOPAL),** vide affidavit dated 10-05-2024 sworn before notary B.K.R KRISHNAMURTHY, Reg. No.1351, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **MALLANNA KUMARSWAMY** (Old Name) S/o **Mallanna** R/at No. 37 Shivaparvathy Nilaya, 2nd Cross, Shanthipriya Layout, Next to Can Fin Bank, Begur Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068 have changed my name to **MALLANNA KUMARASWAMY** (New Name) vide affidavit dated: 10/5/2024 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
We Mr. Vivek Talwar and Mrs. Jyoti Ghanathe, parents of **Sammitaa Samarth Gulvady** (Born-24/10/2009), both are R/at # 69/1, 2nd Main, 2nd Cross, 3rd Stage, 3rd Block, Basaveshwara Nagar Bengaluru - 560079, We have changed our minor daughter's name from **Sammitaa Samarth Gulvady** to **SAMMITAA TALWAR,** Vide affidavit dated 08.05.2024, Sworn before Advocate & Notary S.R. Nanjuda Swamy, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **Mrs. B R NAGARATHNA** W/o. Late Vishwanath B S, aged about 44 years, residing at No: 29, 11th Main, 4th Block, Bangalore North, Nandini Layout, Bangalore 560096., I declare that below mentioned both names **NAGAMANMI** and **B R NAGARATHNA** belongs to me and same person. I declare that Present my name here after is called **B R NAGARATHNA.,** vide affidavit dated 6/3/2024 sworn to before D.G.Shanthappa advocate and notary Bangalore

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **(OLD NAME) M.WILMA VEIGAS,** residing at No.2 Caritas Study House, Christ School, S G piaya Bharathi Layout po Dharmaram College Bangalore-560029, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) M JAASMINE WILMA VEIGAS** vide affidavit dated 09.05.2024 sworn before Notary C.Sharada, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **(OLD NAME) RAJESWARI,** Mother of NO. JC- 313204K SUB SANTOSH.S, Residing at Sathya Nagar, Irayanana Compound, M.S. Nagar (Post), Bangalore, KARNATAKA (State), PIN: 560033, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) RAJESHWARI,** And **DOB** from **01.07.1958** to **01.01.1965,** Vide Affidavit Dated 08.05.2024 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **PARAMESHA .G,** S/o Govindaraju C.G, aged about 34 years, R/at No.364/1, Kannada Kasturi Road, Near Standard English School, T Dasarahalli, Bangalore -560057.
I have changed my name from **"PARAMESH .G "** To **"PARAMESHA .G "** for astrologer advice. vide affidavit dated **09.05.2024**, sworn to before **K.V.Bachi Reddy** Advocate & Notary at Bangalore. I declare that my earlier name **"PARAMESH .G"** and now my present name **"PARAMESHA .G "** are one and the same Person

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **ARPITHA, resident of No.1113/3, 'A' Block, 21st Main Road, Sahakaranagar, Bangalore 560092, have changed my name to ARPITHA ACHARYA vide affidavit dated: 08.05.2024 before advocate and notary A.R. Muneer Ahmed, Bengaluru.**

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, HITHERTO known as **ARUN KUMAR C H** S/o Hanumaiah H R/o 53/A, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Chokkanahalli, Bengaluru, Karnataka-561203 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as **SRI ARUN GURUJI.**

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **"RAVI PATIL" (New Name),** previously called **"DUNDAPPA PATIL" (Old Name)** S/o Sanganagouda Patil, aged about 32 years, residing at No.12, At Rugi Ta MudholRugi, Rugi, Bagalkot, Karnataka 587313. I have changed my name from **"DUNDAPPA PATIL"**, to **"RAVI PATIL"**, vide affidavit **Dated: 04.05.2024** sworn before **Devaraja e., B.sc.,LL.B, Advocate and Notary public,** nagadevanahalli, Bangalore-560056.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **TRICHINOPOLY S RAGHU RAMAN,** aged 75 years, S/o. Mr. Subramanyam T V, Residing at No. 202, Swamy A H Grandeur, 319, 6th Cross, OMBR Layout, Opposite Tips Kinder Care, Banaswadi, Bengaluru-560043, have changed my name to **RAGHURAMAN TRICHINAPOLY SUBRAMANYAM,** vide affidavit dated: 06.05.2024 before notary SHAIK MAHABOOB, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **THIMMARAYAPPA** S/o **BELATHUR RAMAIAH NANJAPPA** R/at F 301,B Block BM Silver Woods, 27th Main, HSR 2nd Sector EXT, S S Palya, Bangalore -560102. Have changed my name to **NANJAPPA THIMMARAYAPPA** vide affidavit dated: 9/5/2024 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
We Mr. Vivek Talwar and Mrs. Jyoti Ghanathe, parents of **Suryansh Samarth Gulvady** (Born-14/08/2012), both are R/at # 69/1, 2nd Main, 2nd Cross, 3rd Stage, 3rd Block, Basaveshwara Nagar Bengaluru - 560079, We have changed our minor son's name from **Suryansh Samarth Gulvady** to **SURYANSH TALWAR,** Vide affidavit dated 08.05.2024, Sworn before Advocate & Notary S.R. Nanjuda Swamy, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **Mr. DEEPAK NAYAK,** S/o Chandrashekara Nayak, aged about 40 years, residing at Flat No. B-206, Sankalpa Cherry Blossom, 19/4, Eidga Road, Varthur, Bangalore-560 087. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **'DEEPAK'** to **"DEEPAK NAYAK",** vide Affidavit dated 09.05.2024 Sworn before Advocate and Notary Yankoba, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **NASEEMUNNISA,** W/o Mushter Pasha, R/at No. 149, 7th Cross, Muneshwara Nagar, Arabic College Post, Bengaluru-560 045 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **NASEEMUNNISSA** to **NASEEMUNNISA,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **NASEEMUNNISA** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 12th March 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **CHANDRASHEKAR .M** at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, SERVICE NO. JC- 314163X NB/SUB APPALANAIDU KUNA, Residing at Fareedpeta (Vill & Post), Etcherla (Mandal), Srikakulam (Dist), ANDHRA PRADESH (State), PIN: 532410, Have Changed My Son Name **(OLD NAME) JAYA VINAY KOUSHIK** to **(NEW NAME) KUNA JAYA VINAY KOUSHIK,** Vide Affidavit Dated 08.05.2024 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **Dr. Jaganath .C. Jodidhar,** aged 50 years, residing at Flat No. T-01, Fortuna Icon Apartment, 'F' Block, Sahakaranagar, Bengaluru-560092, do hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from **Nithik Jodidhar** to **Nithik J. Jodidhar,** vide affidavit dated 08.05.2024, sworn to before C. Venkatapathy, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **A. SUBRAMANIYA MUDALIAR, aged about 61 years, S/o. Late E. Arunachala Mudaliar, residing at No.5, "Arunachala Nilaya", Ramaiah Garden, 24th Main Road, J. P. Nagar, 7th Phase, Puttenahalli, Bangalore-560 078, have changed my name from A Subramaniyam to A. Subramaniya Mudaliar vide affidavit dated 09-05-2024, Sworn before Advocate and Notary H.S. Dharma Prasad, Bangalore.**

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **DIVYA. C,** W/o Sathish Kumar H.A, aged about 38 years, R/at Himarsha Nilaya Vijetha Elysium Apartments, Hagadur Main Road, Opp Prestige Ozone, Bengaluru, Whitefield, Karnataka-560 066. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **'DIVYA SATHISH KUMAR'** to **"DIVYA. C",** vide Affidavit dated 09.05.2024 Sworn before Advocate and Notary Yankoba, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **B M MADHUSUDAN** S/o B G Muniyappa, R/at T Begur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District-562123 do hereby declare that my daughter's correct name is **AMRUTHA B M,** but in her LIC Policy her name is mentioned as **AMRUTHA BINDU B M** instead of **AMRUTHA B M,** vide affidavit dated 8-5-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **R. LAKSHMINARAYANA** at Bangalore.

**NAME CONFIRMATION**
I, Sudheendra Katti, aged about 48 yrs, S/o T V Katti R/@ No. 235, 2nd floor, H. Road, Ideal Homes, Opp. S. S. Hospital, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bengaluru-98. In my daughter's Aadhar card & other Documents her name is mentioned as Bhuvi Sudheendra Katti and in her Passport, her name is mentioned as Bhuvi Katti. I am swearing this affidavit that all the two names mentioned above belong to the same person. I intend to continue and retain my daughter's name in the future as **BHUVI SUDHEENDRA KATTI** in all the documents from here on, vide affidavit dated 08.05.2024, sworn before Advocate & Notary S.R. Thulsikrishna, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **VINODKUMAR SHYAM BIHARI** R/at Carmel Convent HR PRY School, East End main Road, Jayanagar 4th T Block, Bengaluru- 560069 have changed my name to **VINOD KUMAR SHYAM** vide affidavit dated: 29/4/2024 Before Notary **Prakasha.C** Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **Dr.NOOR FATHIMA KAZI,** Daughter of Mr.Mohamed Tameem Ansari, Aged about 34 years, residing at: Noorull Hudda No.563, 1st Main, Pillanna Garden 3rd Stage, Near Siddharth School, Karamachand Layout, Bangalore North, Kacharakanahalli, Bangalore - 560 084, have changed My Name from **Dr.NOOR FATHIMA KAZI** to **Dr.NOOR FATHIMA TAMEEM ANSARI** vide Affidavit Dated 15-02-2024, Sworn before S. Ramesh, Advocate and Notary Public.

**AFFIDAVIT**
I, **SUMATHI MURTHY,** Aged about 49 years, D/o Late A N Murthy, Residing at No. 30/15, 1st Floor, Shanthi Apartment, 2nd Main Road, Nagashettyhalli, Bangalore North, RMV Extn, 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560 094. Hereby declare that, **'SUMATHI NARASIMHA MURTHY'** & **'SUMATHI MURTHY',** names are one & the same and it refers to me only, vide Affidavit dated 10.05.2024 Sworn before Advocate and Notary B.M. Chandrashekar, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **MUSHTER PASHA,** S/o Ameer Jan, R/at No. 149, 7th Cross, Muneshwara Nagar, Arabic College Post, Bengaluru-560 045 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from MUSTAR PASHA to **MUSHTER PASHA,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **MUSHTER PASHA** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 12th March 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **CHANDRASHEKAR .M** at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **D C LAHARI RAO** (Father) and **G M KAVITHA** (Mother) R/at No.A-308, Desai Golden Springs, Seegehalli, Kadugodi, Bangalore-560067, have changed our minor Son Name from **D.SAI SIDDHARTH** to **DASARI SIDDHARTH RAO** vide affidavit dated: 4/5/2024 Before Notary **K.V.Jagannath Reddy** Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **Dr. Jaganath .C. Jodidhar,** aged 50 years, resident of Flat No. T-01, Fortuna Icon Apartment, 'F' Block, Sahakaranagar, Bengaluru-560092, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Dr. Jaganath .C** to **Dr. Jaganath .C. Jodidhar,** vide affidavit dated 08.05.2024, sworn to before C. Venkatapathy, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **Tiruchirapalli Sethurama Iyer Subramanian, S/o. Sethurama Iyer Tiruchirapalli Krishna Iyer, Presently Residing at No. SG301, Golden Blossom Apartment, Opp. Sai Baba Ashrama, Kadugodi, Bangalore 560067, have changed my name to TIRUCHIRAPALLI SETHURAMAN SUBRAMANIAN S/o. Sethuraman Tiruchirapalli Krishnan vide affidavit dated: 09.05.2024 before advocate and notary Umamaheswary, Bengaluru.**

**NAME CONFIRMATION**
I, Rashmi Hirekathur Srinivasa W/o Narendra Kattehosahally Manjunatha, R/@ No.156/3M, Next to Sree Clinic, Hulimavu Main Road, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-76. I declare that in my New Aadhar & PAN Card my name is mentioned as Rashmi Hirekathur Srinivasa. In my old Aadhar Card it is Rashmi H.S. & in my Passport (N0680398) my name is mentioned as Rashmi. I am swearing this affidavit that all the three names mentioned above belong to the same person & I will be using the name **RASHMI HIREKATHUR SRINIVASA** in all the documents from hereon, vide affidavit dated 08.05.2024 sworn before Advocate & Notary Jayalingayya Mudenoormath, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **SREENIVAS MAKAM,** S/o Sri Makam Viswanatha Gupta, age 48 years, R/at No. 4FE, Lake Shore Homes, Kasavanahalli, Benglauru-560 035 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MAKAM VISWANATHA SREENIVASA GUPTA** to **SREENIVAS MAKAM,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SREENIVAS MAKAM** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 4th May 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MOHAMMED HUSSAIN K.** at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **NAVYA SRINIVASA** R/at No.25 3rd Floor Sri Balaji Niliya 3rd Main 5th Cross Dollors Colony NS Palya BTM 2nd Stage Bangalore South Bengaluru- 560076 have changed my Minor Daughter Name from **HASINI CHETHAN** to **HASINI GOWDA** Vide affidavit dated: 10/5/2024 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

**AFFIDAVIT**
I, **Sarala Ashwath,** D/o Late Ashwath, aged 48 years, W/o. Dr. Jaganath C Jodidhar, presently residing at Flat No. T-01, Fortuna Icon Apartment, 'F' Block, Sahakaranagar, Bengaluru-560092, do hereby declare that **ASWATHA SARALA, SARALA A JODIDHAR** are the name of one and the same person and that is myself, Henceforth **SARALA A** will be known as **SARALA A JODIDAR,** vide affidavit dated 08.05.2024, sworn to before C. Venkatapathy, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, Army No.6499711Y, Rank: Sepoy, Name: GEETHAVANAN, residing at No. 417/2, E.T. block, Oorgaum post, K. G. F. 563120, KGF Taluk, Kolar District, Karnataka. have changed my minor Daughter's name from **JEEVITHA SHREE G** to **JEEVITHA SREE G** vide affidavit dated 06.05.2024 sworn before Notary Thangaraj.S, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **SENTHIL JAYAKUMAR S L,** R/a No. B001, Purva Westend Apartments, Hongasandra, Garvebhavi Palya, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru-560068, have changed my son name from **SANJITH JAYAKUMAR S** to **SANJIT JAYAKUMAR S,** vide affidavit dated 06.05.2024 before Notary **GANGARAJU. B.N,** Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **UMESH MURTHY M.V,** S/o Late J.N.Vasudev, aged about 51 years, R/at No.3, 5th Main, 3rd Cross, Garudadhri Nilaya, CPV Block, Ganganagar, Extension, Bangalore North R.T.Nagar, Bangalore - 560032. I have changed my name from **"UMESH MURTHY M.V,"** to **"UMESHA MURTHY M.V,"** by an affidavit sworn before Notary **Ravi Kumar .V,** Dated: **06-05-2024** at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **Mrs. SHWETA CHELLARAM,** W/o. Puneet Chaturbhuj Samant, Resident of No. 901, 9th Floor, Esteem Classic Apartment, No. 147/A, Near Iscon Temple, Rajajinagar, Sub Industrial Area, Bangalore-560022, do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name from **KAIRA SAMANT** to **KAIRA CHELLARAM SAMANT,** vide affidavit dated 09.05.2024, sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **AMBIKA K.M** D/o MANJUNATHA K.T. R/a No.002,Sri Sai Brindavan Apartment 5th Cross Cambridge Garden Kodigehalli K.R Puram Bengaluru-560036. I Have Changed My Name From **AMBIKA HARISH** to **AMBIKA K.M.** Vide Affidavit Date:03.05.2024. Sworn Before Notary: P.N.Nagesha.

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# *Ramana Avatara* shines with its moral compass but falters in delivering entertainment

**RAMANA AVATARA**

**Director:** Vikas Pampapathy

**Cast:** Rishi, Pranitha Subhash, Arun Sagar, and Shubra Aiyappa

**RATING** 2.5/5

A SHARADHAA

THE release of *Ramana Avatara* was notably delayed but, over the last four years it had been in the making, the makers kept promising to present a modern twist on the classic tale of the Ramayana in a lighthearted manner. Vikas Pampapathy's vision of the film examines the values of the Ramayana, primarily focusing on Rama (Rishi), affectionately called Gentleman Rama by his villagers. He finds himself unjustly displaced from his village and ends up in Mangalore, where he encounters Pranitha Subhash, who conceals her identity and her whereabouts. Despite their chance encounter, Rama warmly nicknames her Sita and lends assistance during her project interviews, without questioning its purpose.

Rama confides in Sita about his aspirations, drawing parallels to exile as well as foreshadowing her abduction and his subsequent rescue mission. Indeed, Sita is kidnapped by a group of thugs, leading Rama to Bengaluru. There, he encounters Alexander (Arun Sagar's character denoting Ravana) and, with the aid of his friend, akin to Hanuman, orchestrates the rescue of not only Sita but also numerous other girls ensnared by Alexander.

The climax of the tale unfolds upon Rama's return to his village, where he is hailed as a potential leader and urged to appear as an election candidate. However, Sita, whose real name is Rita, remains disillusioned by gangsters and politics, prompting Rama to question his path: pursue leadership or follow Sita's wishes. There's also a short love story in the mix, starring Shubra Aiyappa.

*Ramana Avatara* attempts to explore the noble traits of Lord Rama through its protagonist, Rama. However, while promising an engaging exploration of these virtues within a modern narrative, the film falls short in delivering entertainment value. Despite glimpses of humour and occasional twists, the execution feels lacking. Director Vikas Pampapathi weaves a contemporary tale echoing the essence of the Ramayana through various characters, yet the absence of key elements, particularly the absence of Lakshmana's role, dampens the experience. Though anchored in lofty ideals, the film's outdated drama, likely due to the prolonged production period, and uneven pacing diminish its impact.

While Rishi and Pranitha Subhash offer some respite with their performances, certain aspects, particularly Arun Sagar's character, prove more annoying than engaging. A couple of medleys by Judah Sandy, which seemed soulful, added depth to the narrative. In essence, *Ramana Avatara* shines with its moral compass but falters in providing enjoyment and engagement for its audience.

# *Rana Haddu* to release on this date

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PRASANNA Kumar, popularly known as Jungli Prasanna Kumar, who has played varied roles in over a hundred films, is making his directorial debut with *Rana Haddu*. Interestingly, the film stars his sons, Shashank and Suraj, in the key roles of the lead and a supporting character, respectively. The makers recently released a song and also announced the film's release date, which is May 17.

Speaking on the sidelines of the song launch event, Prasanna Kumar, who is also producing the project, mentioned that over the past twenty years, the Kannada film industry has been providing him with sustenance, and he and his family are deeply indebted. "A few years ago, I suffered a severe injury. During that time, I contemplated a lot. A few days later, I developed a desire to direct a film alongside its production. I shared this with my children, who supported my aspiration. Through Rana Haddu, both my children are foraying into the film industry," says Prasanna Kumar, who also briefed about the plot. "The story of the film is about how society perceives a person without money. Besides that, all the aspects required by the audience are present in this film." *Rana Haddu* has music composed by singer Srinivas and cinematography handled by Giri.

# VASISHTA SIMHA WRAPS UP SHOOT OF *LOVE LI* IN LONDON

A SHARADHAA

**The makers, who are unveiling the second song on May 13, are planning to release the film in June**

ACTOR Vasishta N Simha's next film, *Love Li*, which was in its last phase of production, has finally wrapped up shooting in London. While the film's crew has previously shot in prominent locations across Karnataka, including Silicon City and Malpe, the major portion of the filming had taken place in the picturesque locales of London. Along with Vasishta, the female lead Stefy Patel, who marks her Kannada debut, was also part of the filmmaking process. The makers shared a few exclusive stills with CE.

According to Vasishta, *Love Li* is a commercial romantic love story based on real incidents that occurred a decade ago. "This is about a young man's life, and how it changes after falling in love. We have taken inspiration from an incident and it is presented in a cinematic manner. As an actor, I found this project interesting, as it provides an opportunity to portray eight to ten emotions and is sure to connect with the audience," he explains.

Director Chetan Keshav adds that *Love Li* is primarily a content-driven film which is made with a big budget in Vasishta's career. The film showcases a variety of dimensions as an artist.

The makers are planning to release the film in June, and are set to unveil the second song on May 13th. Interestingly, this song, composed by music director Anup Seelin, with lyrics penned by Prajwal Sahitya, has Vasishta Simha, who is also a noted singer, lending his voice to this track.

Subbalakshmi, known for her role in the television serial Subbalakshmi Samsara, will be seen in a prominent role in the film. Child artist Vanshika, along with actors Sadhukokila, Dattanna, Malavika, Shobharaj, and Achyuth Kumar, are also part of the star cast.

On the technical team, *Love Li* has cinematography by Ashwin Kennedy and editing by Harish Komme. The film is produced by Ravindra Kumar under the Abhuvanasa Creations banner.

Vasishta Simha

Vasishta Simha and Stefy Patel

> *As an actor, I found this project interesting, as it provides an opportunity to portray eight to ten emotions and is sure to connect with the audience* – Vasishta Simha, actor

# Darshan, recovering from hand injury, to resume shooting for *Devil* by May-end

CE FEATURES

TEAM *Devil - The Hero*, which unveiled a behind-the-scenes video on the auspicious occasion of Akshaya Tritiya, has sparked excitement among fans. The sneak peek plunges us into the high-octane action sequences, drawing viewers in with a glimpse of what's to come. Directed by Prakash Veer, with music director Ajaneesh Loknath making his first collaboration for a Darshan film, *Devil - The Hero* has set the perfect tune, along with cinematographer Sudhakar S Raj creating an electrifying backdrop for it.

The makers, who had earlier released the teaser, showcased the Challenging Star in a striking combination of red and black suit, exuding a menacing aura with accessorised flair and leaning more towards an anti-hero persona. Moreover, the buzz has been circulating among fans, especially surrounding Darshan's signature dialogue, "Namma maneyalli ondu Putta Paapu," which the actor even delivered on fans' demand during a recent election campaign.

Meanwhile, production was briefly halted due to Darshan's hand injury sustained during a fight sequence, but the team is gearing up to resume shooting from May 15, with Darshan reportedly set to join from the fourth week of this month. In a recent interaction with the media, Darshan revealed that, while Devil was initially slated for an October release, it might be delayed by a few months.

With Bollywood actor Mahesh Manjrekar already on board, the film's hunt for the leading lady is still underway.

Darshan

# Suchan Shetty's *God Promise* commences shooting

CE FEATURES

YOUNG filmmaker Suchan Shetty's *God Promise*, which marks his debut, commenced with a simple muhurath at Anegudde Ganapathi Temple in Kundapur, Udupi district. At the event, actor Pramod Shetty turned on the camera and music director Ravi Basrur gave the first clap in a sign of their support for the film.

Expressing his gratitude for his long-standing collaboration with Ravi Basrur since 2015, Suchan said, "Ravi sir is my guru. I assisted him on his directorial projects like *Kataka*, *Girmit*, and his latest, *Kadal*, where I was involved in writing and direction. Now I am taking my first step as a director through this film based on that experience." The film's pre-production work has been in progress over the past six months. Auditions have been conducted, and the cast will be unveiled soon.

At the muhurath of God Promise

Music director Ravi Basrur highlighted the importance of filmmaking in coastal areas, where opportunities are scarce. "Encouraging aspiring filmmakers to learn all aspects of the craft, believing that one successful movie could change many lives," says Ravi, who wished the team well and hoped for more such movies from the region.

Actor Pramod Shetty praised Suchan's attention to detail in his work and encouraged everyone to collaborate as a team. He expressed optimism about the film's potential, given the good budget and Suchan's impressive acting skills.

*God Promise* is produced by Maithri Manjunath under the Maitri Productions banner, and the film that is a blend of family drama and comedy elements is said to be inspired by a true incident. Guruprasad Narnad handles the cinematography, Bharat Madhusudanan is the music director, and Naveen Shetty will manage the editing for the film.